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Subject of Request: Harold Himmel  
Velde

FOIPA No. 442816 /190- HQ-1250810

HQ 67-255889

Dear Requester:

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Section 552a

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(See Form OPCA-16a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

Pursuant to your request, 584 pages(s) were reviewed and 482 page(s) are being released.

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*Subject: Harold Himmel Velde*

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*Federal Bureau of Investigation*



1836 Raymond-Commerce Building  
Newark, New Jersey

October 13, 1941

b6  
Mr. Harold Himmel Velde  
1644 North Glen Oak Street  
Peoria, Illinois

b7c  
Dear Harold,

[redacted] and I have been with the F.B.I. for some time. The work is interesting, instructive and affords an opportunity to serve one's country. We need men like you. Why not send in the enclosed application and do your part.

If your work will not permit you to leave now, would you turn the application over to another young man with your high qualifications. Make a good choice.

I hope we will have the opportunity to meet again in the near future. Until then, here's wishing you the best of luck.

b6  
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Yours very truly,

[redacted]  
Special Agent

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MEMO

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 19, 1941

Transmit the following message to:

SPRINGFIELD

ARRANGE IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW AND EXAMINATION WITH HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE, NEW TIMES

BLDG., PEKIN, ILLINOIS, SA APPLICANT.

WIRE RESULTS YOUR RECOMMENDATION BY DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE.

HOOVER.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMUNICATIONS

UNCLASSIFIED

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

DIRECTOR,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Pekin, Illinois

Dec. 9, 1941

Sir:

I hereby make application for employment in the position indicated by check mark, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

Special Agent (Law Trained) ..	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	**
Special Agent (Accountant) ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	**
Stenographer .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Typist .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Translator .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Messenger .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	**
Laboratory Technician* .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	**
Student Fingerprint Classifier ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clerk .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(This application should be typewritten if possible) (Indicate by check)

1. Name in full (please print) Velde Harold Himmel  
(Family name) (Given name) (Middle name)  
(a) Female applicants must furnish maiden name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Legal Residence 731 Park Ave., Pekin, Illinois
3. Mail and telegraphic address Springfield New Times Bldg, Pekin Phone No. Res. 291 Office 762-J
4. Complete date of birth 4/1/10 Weight 200 Height 6' 2" Color White
5. Place of birth Manito (near) Tazewell Illinois  
(City) (County) (State)
6. (a) Father's name Henry J. Velde (b) Father's birthplace Parkland, Ill.  
(c) Present address Deceased (d) If foreign born, is he a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
7. (a) Mother's name Laura A. Velde (b) Mother's birthplace Topeka, Ill.  
(c) Present address Manito, Illinois (d) If foreign born, is she a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
8. Brothers Richard W. Velde, Manito, Illinois Present Address ---  
(Complete names, birthplaces and present addresses)  
Havana, Illinois Robert L. Velde, Manito, Illinois Present Address Care of U.S. Embassy, London, England or Ft. Monmouth, N.J.
9. Sisters None  
(Include married names, birthplaces and present addresses)
10. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you a citizen of the United States? yes
12. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization 67-255889-2
13. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? Married
14. (a) Maiden name of wife Olive Pfander (b) Wife's birthplace Council Bluffs, Iowa  
731 Park Ave.  
(c) Present address Pekin, Ill. (d) If foreign born, is she a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) Date and place of naturalization 76-19

\*Specify exact title of position sought as Laboratory Technician.  
\*\*Positions of Special Agent (Law Trained), Special Agent (Accountant), Laboratory Technician, and Messenger for male applicants only.

See details on separate description sheets which will be furnished on request.



15. (a) Husband's complete name \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Husband's birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Present address \_\_\_\_\_ (d) If foreign born, is he a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
16. (a) Father-in-law's name James Pfander (b) Birthplace Clarinda, Iowa  
 (c) Present address deceased (d) If foreign born, is he a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
17. (a) Mother-in-law's name Winona Pfander (b) Birthplace Anthony, Kansas  
1644 N. Glen Oak  
 (c) Present address Peoria, Illinois (d) If foreign born, is she a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
18. Brothers-in-law none  
 (Complete names, birthplaces and present addresses) \_\_\_\_\_
19. Sisters-in-law none  
 (Complete names, birthplaces and present addresses) \_\_\_\_\_
20. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed NO
21. Number of children, if any two
22. Are you entirely dependent on your salary? yes
23. To what extent are you financially indebted to others and to whom? General creditors  
and Peoples State Bank at Manito, Ill. \$500.00
24. Education: (Please print.)

	NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	FROM—	TO—	COURSES PURSUED, DIPLOMAS OR DEGREES RECEIVED
(a) Elementary	Parkland Grade School	1915	1921	Gen.
	Manito Grade School	1921	1923	Gen.
(b) High school equivalent	Name Manito Comm High Address Manito, Illinois	1923	1927	Gen.
(c) College or technical *	Name Bradley College Address Peoria, Illinois	1927	1929	Gen.
	Northwestern University Evanston, Illinois	1929	1931	B.S.
(d) Foreign Languages Give degree of proficiency as to speaking, reading, writing	University of Illinois Urbana, Illinois	1935	1937	L.L.B.
	German --three years at Bradley College and Northwestern U. Fair speaking, good reading, poor writing.			
(e) Miscellaneous *	Summer school Bradley College	1931		
	Summer school Northwestern U. Law School	1937		
	Saturday Classes U. of Iowa	1932		

\* Applicants for Laboratory Technician positions should list in detail scientific courses pursued, using an insert if necessary and give title of any Master's or Doctor's Thesis prepared.

No. 34

During the last 10 years I was attending school in various places and had a number of temporary residences. They are as follows:

2125 $\frac{1}{2}$  Ridge Ave., Evanston, Illinois  
1320 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Illinois  
6321 N. Winthrop St., Chicago, Illinois  
1644 N. Glen Oak, Peoria, Illinois  
Hillside, Illinois  
512 E. John St., Champaign, Illinois  
710 W. Oregon St., Urbana, Illinois  
1103 W. Springfield St., Urbana, Illinois  
300 block E. Huron St., c/o Lena Matthieu,  
Chicago, Illinois  
731 Park Ave., Pekin, Illinois

No. 37

I do not exactly understand this question, but wish to state that probationary employment would be entirely satisfactory if this means I would be able to decide later if I wanted permanent employment.

25. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:

A.F. & A.M. No. 476, Manito, Illinois, Knights of Pythias, Pekin,  
Illinois, Theta Kappa Nu (now Lambda Chi Alpha), Phi Alpha Delta  
Law fraternity, Tazewell County Bar Asso., Illinois Bar Asso.,  
American Radio Relay League, Lions Club of Pekin, Illinois, Pekin  
Country Club

26. Have you been admitted to the Bar, if so specify Illinois State Bar 1937

27. Describe any physical defects, including extent of defective vision, if any, with and without glasses (Snellen) No physical defects except very slight defect in  
vision due to astigmatism

28. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days and nature of serious illness):

None

29. Experience: (Please print.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND KIND OF WORK	FROM—	TO—	ANNUAL SALARY
Name <u>Hillsdale Comm. H.S.</u> Address <u>Hillsdale, Illinois</u>	Teacher Coach	1931	1935	\$1500.
Name <u>Self</u> Address	Law	1937	now from to	varied \$1200 \$3600
Name Address				
Name Address				
Name Address				
Name Address				
Name Address				
Name Address				
Name Address				

30. Specify any arrests (include traffic arrests) none

31. Specify any arrests of immediate family none

32. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action? no

Specify:



33. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or property owners, business or professional men or women (including your family physician, if you have one, of good standing in the community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print.)

NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	NUMBER OF YEARS ACQUAINTED	BUSINESS ADDRESS.
1. Dr. R. F. K. Jordan	606 S. Fifth St. Pekin, Ill	5	Pekin, Ill.
2. R. L. Mahr	Manito, Illinois	20	Manito, Ill.
3. E. L. Hanson	Hillsdale, Ill.	10	Hillsdale, Ill.
4. C. V. Dohern	Roosevelt Road Peoria, Illinois	18	Lehman Bldg., Peoria, Illinois
5. J. Norman Shade	Pekin, Illinois	5	Pekin, Illinois

34. Give residence addresses for the past ten years. 212 N. Underhill, Peoria, Ill.  
229 Cooper Peoria, Illinois, Hillsdale, Illinois, 6321 N. Winthrop  
Chicago, Illinois, E. John St., Urbana, Illinois

35. List the names of any relative now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed: Brother Lt. Robert L. Velde, Signal Corp, e'ther  
Ft. Monmouth, N.J. or care of U.S. Embassy, London, Eng. 3

36. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? \$2500

37. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? no 10 days

38. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? yes

39. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? yes

40. Attach unmounted full face photograph not larger than 3 by 4 inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph. Photograph to be taken not more than 30 days prior to date of application.  
(Application will not be considered complete if such photograph not furnished)



Respectfully,

Harold H. Velde  
(Signature of applicant as usually written)

Note.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

Note.—The following jurat must be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named applicant, this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at city (or town) of \_\_\_\_\_, county  
of \_\_\_\_\_, and State (or Territory or District) of \_\_\_\_\_

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

Application will not be considered complete if above jurat not executed.

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PERSONNEL FILES

SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA 12  
FOR SENSITIVE POSITION

Standard Form No. 50-R208

(CSC use only)

INSTRUCTIONS: Prepare in triplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. If more space is needed for any item, continue under item 28.

1. FULL NAME (Initials and surnames of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(NM)"; if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)"	(LAST NAME) <b>Velde</b>	(FIRST NAME) <b>Harold</b>	(MIDDLE NAME) <b>Himmel</b>	2. DATE OF BIRTH <b>4/1/10</b>
OTHER NAMES USED. (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.)  <b>None</b>				3. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Parkland, Tazewell Co., Ill.</b>
				4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
		5. HEIGHT <b>5' 11 1/2"</b>	6. WEIGHT <b>235</b>	7. COLOR EYES <b>Grey</b>
		8. COLOR HAIR <b>Grey</b>		
9. IF SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED				
10. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE, INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE. First wife <b>Olive Prander Velde, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 4-15-09</b> . Second wife <b>Dolores Anderson Velde, 7-11-16, Beecher City, Ill., 9-22-52</b> . Remarried <b>Wash., D.C., 9-12-58</b> .				

11. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE DIFFER FROM THE MAILING ADDRESSES, FURNISH AND IDENTIFY WITH DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. (If no other side if necessary.)

FROM	TO	CITY	STATE
11/70	Present	2306 E. Holiday Court	Lansing Ill.
11/69	11/70	2301 E. Holiday Court	Lansing Ill.
11/67	11/69	18333 Wentworth Ave.	Lansing Ill.
1/66	11/67	17241 Burnham	Lansing Ill.
1/65	1/66	542 W. 13th St.	Chicago Heights Ill.

(See attached sheets)

12. U.S. CITIZEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY BIRTH <input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED	ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT
	CERT. NO.	PETITION NO.	
<input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN	REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY	DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY

13. EDUCATION. (All schools above elementary.)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	DEGREES
Manito Community H.S.	Manito, Ill.	1923	1927	
Bradley University	Peoria, Ill.	1927	1929	
Northwestern University	Evanston, Ill.	1929	1931	B.S.
University of Illinois	Urbana, Ill.	1932	1937	LL.B.

14. This investigation by the FBI conducted on 10-14-62 revealed no pertinent derogatory information. This is the result of a request for a FBI check only and is not to be considered as a clearance or recommendation of the individual.

15. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE. (See also item 29.)  
TO DIRECTOR  
HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
WHICH WAS SENT YOUR  
BY MAIL 2-12-74  
CSC 3-26-74 RR 3-12-74

12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <b>29 34 1575</b>			
13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)			
SERIAL NO. (If none, give grade or rating at separation)	BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)
<b>Private</b>	<b>Signal Corps</b>	<b>12/42</b>	

14. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE AR FORCES UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS? YES ☒ NO.

15. EMPLOYMENT. (List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Give both month and year for all dates. Show ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. Give name under which employed if different from name now used.)

FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND SUPERVISOR (Full name, if known)	ADDRESS (Where employed)	TYPE OF WORK	REASON FOR LEAVING
5/69	Present	General Services Administration	219 S. Dearborn Chicago, Ill.	Legal	
4/65	5/69	Taste and Tell Caterers, Inc.	291 River Oaks Dr. Calumet City, Ill.	Manager Mobile Industrial Catering	
10/59	4/65	Self employed in legal business	515 N. Jefferson Annex Peoria, Ill.	Legal	
1/57	10/59	Self employed in legal business	100 S. Bennett St. Urbana, Ill.	Legal	
1/49	1/57	House of Representatives (18th Dist., Ill.) 81st, 82nd, 83rd and 84th Congresses	Wash., D. C.	Legislative	Was not a candidate for 85th Congress.
12/46	1/49	Tazewell Co. Judge	Pekin, Ill.	Judicial	Resigned to take up congressional duties.
12/45	12/46	Practicing law	Pekin, Ill.	Legal	County judgeship
10/42	12/45	FBI, Dept. of Justice	Wash., D. C.	FBI Agent	Resigned to re-enter legal business.

(See attached sheet)

16. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED (FIRED) FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

17. HAVE YOU EVER RESIGNED (QUIT) AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT YOUR EMPLOYER INTENDED TO DISCHARGE (FIRE) YOU FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO. (If your answer to 16 or 17 above is "Yes" give details in item 28. Show the name and address of employer, approximate date, and reasons in each case. This information should agree with the statements made in item 15—EMPLOYMENT.)

18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OR QUESTIONING, OR CHARGED BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY? You may omit: (1) Traffic violations for which you paid a fine of \$30 or less; and (2) anything that happened before your 16th birthday. All other incidents must be included, even though they were dismissed or you merely forfeited collateral. ☐ YES ☒ NO.

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

DATE	CHARGE	PLACE	LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	ACTION TAKEN
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19. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A MENTAL CONDITION? ☐ YES ☒ NO.  
(If your answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

20. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930). (Exclusive of military service.)

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RETURNED U.S.A.	PURPOSE
Panama, Haiti, South America	12-10-54	12-30-54	Pleasure and Panama Canal Zone tour of inspection.
(See attached sheet)			

21. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

22. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DEPRIVE PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEMS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

23. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 21 OR 22 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. IN ITEM 28 OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS FORM, GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
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24. MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. (List all organizations in which you are now a member or have been a member, except those which show religious or political affiliations.) (If none, so state.)

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	TYPE	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
AF & AM Lodge 476	Manito, Ill.	Fraternal	1939	Present	Worshipful Master
Creve Coeur Club	Peoria, Ill.	Social	1936	Present	None
American Legion Post 44	Pekin, Ill.	Social	1945	Present	None

25. RELATIVES. (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. If person is dead, state "dead" after relationship and furnish information for other columns as of time of death.)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	YEAR OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father(dead)	Henry J. Velde	1882	Manito, Illinois	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Mother(dead)	Laura Himmel Velde	1888	Manito, Illinois	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Wife(dead)	Olive Whittington Pfander Velde	1909	700 S. Ninth, Pekin, Illinois	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Wife	Dolores Anderson Velde	1916	2306 E. Holiday Ct. Lansing, Illinois	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Son(by first wife)	Richard Whittington Velde	1931	2715 S. Hayes Arlington, Virginia	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Daughter(by first wife)	Mrs. Joan Velde Ketelsen	1933	1201 Post Oak Pk. Dr. Houston, Texas	U.S.A.	U.S.A.

(See attached sheet)



26a. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are aware of your qualifications (fitness).)

NAME IN FULL	HOME ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
Hon. Robert H. Michel	1029 N. Glenwood Peoria, Illinois	House Office Bldg. Washington, D. C.	25
Phillip C. Hauter	Towne House North Morton, Illinois		27

26b. CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES. (Name three persons, such as friends, schoolmates or colleagues, who know you well.)

NAME IN FULL	HOME ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
Eugene Leiter	816 W. Stratford Dr. Peoria, Illinois	1st Natl. Bank Bldg. Peoria, Illinois	35
Ralph Claassen	504 W. Merle Lane Peoria, Illinois	Hiram Walker Dist. Plant Peoria, Illinois	35

(See attached sheet)

27. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A FULL FIELD OR BACKGROUND PERSONAL INVESTIGATION BY ANY AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? ☒ YES ☐ NO. (If your answer is "Yes," show in item 28, (1) the name of the investigating agency (2) the approximate date of investigation, and (3) the level of security clearance granted, if known.)

28. SPACE FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS. (Show item numbers to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space here.)

27.

Federal Bureau of Investigation July 1942 Investigation made for application for Special Agent, FBI.

29. REPORT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED. (This space reserved for FBI use.)

DATE:

Before signing this form check back over it to make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

#### CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

Falsely stating on this form  
is punishable by law.

2-11-74  
(DATE)

Harold H. Felder  
(SIGNATURE—Sign original and first carbon copy)

#### INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENCY: See Federal Personnel Manual Chapter 736 and FPM Supplement 296-31, Appendix A, for details on when this form is required and how it is used. If this is a request for investigation before appointment, insert "APPL" in the space for Date of Appointment and show information about the proposed appointment in the other spaces for appointment data. The original and the first carbon copy should be signed by the applicant or appointee. Submit the original and the unsigned carbon copy of the form, Standard Form 87 (Fingerprint Chart), and any investigative information about the person received on voucher forms or otherwise, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Washington, D.C., 20415. If this is a request for full field security investigation, submit these forms to the attention of the Division of Reimbursable Investigations; if this is a request for preappointment national agency checks, submit these forms to the attention of the Control Section.

RETAIN THE CARBON COPY OF STANDARD FORM 86 (SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR APPOINTEE) FOR YOUR FILES

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> COMPETITIVE (Include indefinite and temporary types of competitive appointments.)	CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION NUMBER OR OTHER APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY	TITLE OF POSITION AND GRADE OR SALARY
DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY	DUTY STATION	SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO: [Handwritten: 20415]	
THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION		[Handwritten: 20415]	
(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL)		(OFFICIAL)	

## C. Dates and Places of Residence (Continued)

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Number and Street</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
9/63	12/64	5070 Silver Hill Ct., Apt. 2	Suitland	Md.
4/63	9/63	3009 Southern, S. E.	Suitland	Md.
8/61	4/63	3918 Stonegate Dr., Apt. 2A	Washington	D. C.
9/58	8/61	3608 Austin, S. E.	Washington	D. C.
6/57	9/58	Woodner Hotel, 16th Ave., NW	Washington,	D. C.
11/53	6/57	1500 N. Eighth St.	Pekin	Ill.
11/46	11/53	700 S. Ninth St.	Pekin	Ill.
10/45	11/46	616 S. Summer St.	Pekin	Ill.
8/45	10/45	700 Block - Hinman Ave.	Evanston	Ill.
6/45	8/45	6700 Block - S. Union Ave.	Chicago	Ill.
6/43	6/45	2315 Pacific Ave.	San Francisco	Calif.
2/43	6/43	1177 S. 8th E. St.	Salt Lake City	Utah
11/42	2/43	FBI Training Academy M. Barker Rm. Hse., 4th St., SE	Quantico Washington	Va. D. C.
8/42	11/42	Miramar Hotel	Chicago	Ill.
8/39	8/42	731 Park Ave.	Pekin	Ill.
6/35	8/39	1644 N. Glen Oak St.	Peoria	Ill.

## 8. Dates and Places of Residence (Continued)

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Number and Street</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
<u>Washington, D. C., Virginia, and Maryland residences while U. S. Representative in Congress from 1949 to 1957</u>				
9/54	11/57	5600 - 24th Ave., S. E.	Hillcrest Heights	Md.
6/53	9/54	2070 Wahler St., S. E.	Washington	D. C.
1/49	6/53	3424 Martha Curtis Dr.	Arlington	Va.
<u>Illinois residences while practicing law from 1957 to 1965</u>				
9/58	1/65	Towne House Motel 1522 Knoxville	Morton Peoria	Ill. Ill.
6/57	9/58	No. 3 Siems Court	Urbana	Ill.

## 15. Employment (continued)

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>Reason for Leaving</u>
8/42	10/42	U. S. Army, Signal Corps, 5th Army Headquarters	Chicago, Ill.	Elec- tronics Training Group	To enter service as Spec. Agent FBI - Hon. Discharge 12-29-42.
10/37	8/42	Self employed as lawyer associated with Velde & Prettyman, Attorneys at Law	Pekin, Ill.	General Law Practice	To enlist in U. S. Army, Signal Corps.
8/35	10/37	Attending University of Illinois	Urbana, Ill.	Student	To enter legal business.
9/31	8/35	Hillsdale Community High School	Hillsdale, Ill.	Teacher & Athletic Coach	To study law.



## 20. Foreign Countries Visited (since 1930) (continued)

<u>Country</u>	<u>Date Left U. S. A.</u>	<u>Date Returned U. S. A.</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
England, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Austria, Switzerland	8-15-56 (approx.)	9-30-56 (approx.)	As member of Congressional Committee, Ed. and Labor.

## 25. Relatives (continued)

<u>Relation</u>	<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Country by birth</u>	<u>Present Citizenship</u>
Brother(dead)	Richard William Velde	1907	300 N. Charlotte Havana, Illinois	U. S. A.	U. S. A.
Brother	Lt. Col. Robert L. Velde (Ret.)	1918	1232 Gerald St. Missoula, Montana	U. S. A.	U. S. A.

## 26b. Close Personal Associates (continued)

<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Home Address</u>	<u>Business Address</u>	<u>Years Known</u>
Timothy W. Swain, Sr.	7412 N. Edgewild Dr. Peoria, Illinois	1900 Savings Center Tower Peoria, Illinois	35

22. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:

A.F. & A.M. No. 426, Manito, Illinois; Knights of Pythias,  
Pekin, Illinois; Lions Club, Pekin, Illinois; Lambda Chi Alpha;  
Phi Alpha Delta, Legal Fraternity.

23. Have you been admitted to the Bar, if so specify Illinois, October 1937.

24. Describe any physical defects, including extent of defective vision, if any, with and without glasses (Shellen) Slight defective vision with<sup>out</sup> glasses, perfect with  
glasses.

25. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days and nature of serious illness):  
Good, no serious illness.

26. Experience: (Please print.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND KIND OF WORK	FROM—	TO—	ANNUAL SALARY
Name <u>Hillsdale High School</u> Address <u>Hillsdale, Ill.</u>	<u>Coach,</u> <u>Math &amp; Science</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>\$1500</u>
Name _____ Address _____				
Name <u>Practise law</u> Address <u>for self Pekin</u>		<u>Since 1937</u>		
Name _____ Address _____				
Name _____ Address _____				
Name _____ Address _____				
Name _____ Address _____				
Name _____ Address _____				
Name _____ Address _____				

27. Specify any arrests (include traffic arrests) None  
Few traffic tickets Peoria and Pekin Ill.

28. Specify any arrests of immediate family None

29. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action? None

Specify:  
5450 American Savings & Loan Assn Pekin  
500 American Natl Bank, Pekin  
450 Peoples State Bank, Manito, Ill.

30. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or proprietors, business or professional men or women (including your family physician, if you have one, of good standing in the community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print.)

NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	NUMBER OF YEARS ACQUAINTED	BUSINESS ADDRESS.
1. R.L. Mahr	Manito, Illinois	32	Manito, Illinois
2. Dr. N.A. Wright, Sr.	Manito, Illinois	32	Manito, Illinois
3. I.M. Weimer	703 Washington, Pekin, Ill.	6	American Nat. Bank, Pekin, Ill.
4. Everett M. Dirksen	335 Buena Vista, Pekin	6	Washington, D.C.
5. Clarence Hayl	801 Moss Ave., Peoria, Ill.	32	Central Nat. Bank Bldg Peoria, Illinois

31. Give residence addresses for the past ten years.

Hillsdale, Ill; Champaign, Ill; Urbana, Ill; 1644 Glen Oak, Peoria, Ill; 731 Park Ave., Pekin, Illinois

32. List the names of any relative now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed: Robert L. Velde, Lieutenant in U.S. Army. (Brother)

33. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? \$3200.00

34. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? Yes, without notice

35. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? Yes

36. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? Yes.

37. Attach unmounted full face photograph not larger than 3 by 4 1/4 inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph. Photograph to be taken not more than 30 days prior to date of application. (Application will not be considered complete if such photograph not furnished)



Respectfully,

*Harold H. Velde*  
(Signature of applicant as usually written)

Note.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

Note.—The following jurat must be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named applicant, this 22nd day of August, 1942, at city (or town) of Pekin, county of Tazewell, and State (or Territory or District) of Illinois

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

*Phyllis Lukens*  
(Signature of officer)  
Notary Public  
(Official title)

Application will not be considered complete if above jurat not executed.

15. (a) Husband's complete name Harold Himmel Velde (b) Husband's birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Present address 731 Park Ave., Pekin (d) If foreign born, is he a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
16. (a) Father-in-law's name James Roy Pfander (b) Birthplace Clarinda, Iowa  
 (c) Present address Deceased (d) If foreign born, is he a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
17. (a) Mother-in-law's name Winona Pfander (b) Birthplace Anthony, Kansas  
 (c) Present address 1644 N. Glen Oak, Peoria, Ill. (d) If foreign born, is she a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
18. Brothers-in-law None  
 (Complete names, birthplaces and present addresses)
19. Sisters-in-law None  
 (Complete names, birthplaces and present addresses)

20. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed Jr. Visitor, Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children, State of Illinois.

21. Education: (Please print.)

	NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	FROM-	TO-	COURSES PURSUED, DIPLOMAS OR DEGREES RECEIVED
(a) Elementary	Parkland Grade School	1915	1921	
	Manito Grade School	1921	1923	
(b) High school equivalent	Name Manito High School Address Manito, Illinois	1923	1927	Graduate
	Inst.			
(c) College or technical	Name Bradley Polytechnic Address Peoria, Illinois	1927	1929	Summer 1931
	Northwestern University Evanston, Illinois	1929	1931	Summer 37 B.S.
(d) Foreign Languages Give degree of proficiency as to speaking, reading, writing	University of Illinois Champaign, Illinois	1935	1937	L.L.B.
German	Fair reading proficiency, poor speaking and writing.			
	W. of Iowa Sat. 32			
(e) Miscellaneous				

\* Applicants for Laboratory Technician positions should list in detail scientific courses pursued, using an insert if necessary and give title of any Master's or Doctor's Thesis prepared.



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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Holloman	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Springfield, Illinois  
December 23, 1941

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

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This will advise that the above named applicant was interviewed at the Springfield Office by Special Agent [REDACTED] on December 23, 1941.

Mr. VELDE upon being advised of the nature of the Bureau's work stated that he desired to withdraw his application inasmuch as he did not care for general investigative duties, and desired to enter the Bureau merely for the period of the national emergency, with the expectation that he could continue his law practice on the side.

In view of the above Mr. VELDE stated that he did not desire to take the Special Agent examination.

Very truly yours,

*A. H. CROWL*

A. H. CROWL  
Special Agent in Charge

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*WIT*

(Place) Chicago, Illinois

(Date) September 4, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Having filed an application for a position as Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, I hereby agree that in the event of an appointment I will be governed by the following conditions:

1. Upon appointment and within ten days after receipt thereof, I shall be required to proceed at my own expense to Washington, D. C., where I will take the oath of office and enter on duty.
2. That said appointment will be on a probationary basis.
3. That my retention in the Bureau shall be dependent upon the performance of satisfactory services, and if my services are deemed unsatisfactory it is understood that my employment may be discontinued at any time and that I will not receive transportation to my home, or to any other point, at Government expense.
4. That if appointed I may be sent to any part of the continental or territorial United States that the exigencies of the Bureau's work may require; that my headquarters may be fixed in some jurisdiction other than that in which I have heretofore resided; that my headquarters may be changed as the work of the Bureau may require; and that no transfer will be made from one station to another for personal reasons.
5. That the confidential character of the relations of the employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the public is fully understood by me, and that the strictly confidential character of any and all information secured by me, in connection directly or indirectly with my work as a Special Agent, or the work of other employees of which I may become cognizant, is fully understood by me, and that neither during my tenure of service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation nor at any other time will I violate this confidence, and I agree that I will not divulge any information of any kind or character whatsoever that may become known to me, to persons not officially entitled thereto.

I further agree that nothing connected with this certification is to be construed by me as an assurance that an appointment will be tendered me; that I fully understand all of the foregoing and that the conditions specified herein are agreeable to me; that if appointed I will abide by the foregoing conditions, and I am fully cognizant that the provisions mentioned above are to be complied with and they are to be regarded as a part of my appointment if it is subsequently tendered to me and accepted.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

4th day of September, A.D. 1942.

Harold H. Velde  
Notary Public

Very truly yours,

Harold H. Velde

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

DIRECTOR,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Pekin, Illinois

Aug 22

1942

Sir:

I hereby make application for employment in the position indicated by check mark, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

Special Agent (Law Trained) .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Special Agent (Accountant) .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stenographer .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Typist .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Translator .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Messenger .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Laboratory Technician* .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Student Fingerprint Classifier .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clerk .....	<input type="checkbox"/>

(This application should be typewritten if possible) (Indicate by check)

1. Name in full (please print) Velde, Harold Himmel  
(Family name) (Given name) (Middle name)  
(a) Female applicants must furnish maiden name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Legal Residence 731 Park Avenue, Pekin, Illinois
3. Mail and telegraphic address 731 Park Ave., Pekin, Ill. Phone No. Office-291 Residence 762-J
4. Complete date of birth 4/1/10 Weight 200 Height 6 ft. 2 in Color White
5. Place of birth Springlake Township Tazewell Illinois  
(City) (County) (State)
6. (a) Father's name Henry Jacob Velde (b) Father's birthplace Manito, Ill.  
(c) Present address Deceased (d) If foreign born, is he a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
7. (a) Mother's name Laura Amanda Velde (b) Mother's birthplace Topeka, Ill.  
(c) Present address Manito, Illinois (d) If foreign born, is she a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
8. Brothers Richard William Velde, born Springlake Township, Tazewell Co. Ill.  
(Complete names, birthplaces and present addresses) Havana, Ill.  
Lt. Robert Lee Velde, born Manito, Illinois; London, England.
9. Sisters None  
(Include married names, birthplaces and present addresses)
10. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes
12. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_
13. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? Married
14. (a) Maiden name of wife Olive Pfander (b) Wife's birthplace Council Bluffs, I  
(c) Present address 731 Park Ave. Pekin (d) If foreign born, is she a citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) Date and place of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_

\*Specify exact title of position sought as Laboratory Technician.  
\*\*Positions of Special Agent (Law Trained), Special Agent (Accountant),  
Laboratory Technician, and Messenger for 2912 applicants only.

See details on separate description sheets which will be furnished on request.

Pekin Ill. #1  
Class. 3A- ORDER #3327

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# VOCATION RECORD

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DATE 4-6-45

NAME Harold H. Velde TITLE OF POSITION Special Agent

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(Use legal signature and PRINT) PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT San Francisco

## EDUCATION:

College or University Bradley, Peoria Ill ENTERED ON DUTY 11 16 42  
Northwestern, Evanston Ill Month Day Year

Location Urbana, Illinois Degrees B.S. Econ  
City State L.L.B. Major Law Minor Math

Federal District Year 1937 CPA State Year State Year  
 BARS: Illinois Year 1937

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITY:

## PROFICIENCY

German Read: Excellent Good ☒ Fair  
 Speak (Converse): Excellent Good Fair ☒  
 Understand: Excellent Good Fair ☒  
 Translate: Without dictionary With ☒

Source of proficiency: Native Tongue ☒ Academic ☒ Years Studied 3 SIS

Foreign Travel Countries Length Dates

Language Read: Excellent Good Fair  
 Speak (Converse): Excellent Good Fair  
 Understand: Excellent Good Fair  
 Translate: Without dictionary With

Source of proficiency: Native Tongue Academic Yrs Studied SIS

Foreign Travel Countries Length Dates

List any DIALECTS you are familiar with and your proficiency

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT: (Give detailed information regarding previous employment, it is not necessary to list name of employer, but state type of duties performed and what capacity.)

## TYPE OF WORK and IN WHAT CAPACITY

## PROFICIENCY

## YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

High School Coach and Teacher	Average	4
Radio Sales and Service	Average	6 (part time)
Lawyer (General law)	Average	5
U.S. Army Signal Corps	Average	3 mos.



VOCATIONS and AVOCATIONS: (Give detailed information regarding any special knowledge, abilities, talents, hobbies, trades, etc., you possess, including athletics.)

	<u>PROFICIENCY</u>	<u>YEARS OF EXPERIENCE</u>
<u>Amateur Radio</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Athletic Coaching Basketball, Tennis, baseball, track</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>4</u>

ORGANIZATIONS: (List all organizations to which you belong, including FRATERNITIES)

<u>Phi Alpha Delta (Law)</u>	<u>Urbana</u> City	<u>Illinois</u> State
<u>Amateur Radio Relay League</u>	<u>Hartford</u> City	<u>Conn</u> State
<u>A.F. &amp; A.M.</u>	<u>Urbana</u> City	<u>Ill.</u> State
<u>Knights of Pythias</u>	<u>Pekin</u> City	<u>Ill.</u> State
<u>Lions Club</u>	<u>Pekin</u> City	<u>Ill.</u> State

FOREIGN TRAVEL: (List all foreign countries you have traveled in)

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>IN WHAT CAPACITY</u>	<u>DATES (No. of mos. etc)</u>
<u>Canada</u>	<u>Delegate Lions Convention</u>	<u>1941 1 month</u>

MILITARY TRAINING: (List any experience in any branch of the armed forces, or special training you have had. If you have had service in any military capacity, state branch, rank and number of years.)

<u>U.S. Signal Corp (Electronics Tr. Group) Private, 3 months</u>

SPECIALIZED BUREAU TRAINING and EXPERIENCE: (Check any of the following training you have had.)

	<u>DATES</u>		<u>DATES</u>
<u>Asiatic School</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Locks</u>	<u>Oct. 44</u>
<u>European School</u>		<u>Chamfering</u>	
<u>SIS School</u>		<u>Secret Inks</u>	
<u>Police Liaison School</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Sound</u>	<u>Oct. 44</u>
<u>Police Instructor's School</u>		<u>Microphotography</u>	
<u>Major Case School</u>		<u>Tamper Proofing</u>	
<u>Chief Clerk's School</u>		<u>Mouflage</u>	
<u>Firearms Expert School</u>		<u>Typewriting Alignment</u>	
<u>Field Supervisor's School</u>		<u>Supervisor's School</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Communism</u>	<u>Oct 43 to date</u>	<u>ASAC School</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>General Investigative</u>		<u>SAC School</u>	
<u>Security</u>		<u>Inspector's School</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Selective Service</u>			

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED BUREAU SPEAKER? No

ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR AN SIS ASSIGNMENT? Yes LOCATION DESIRED Europe

RADIO - SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: (State degree of proficiency and length of time spent in the following.)

1. Education or Teaching Experience in:
  - a. Communications or Radio Engineering 3 yrs. (High School Elementary)
  - b. Electrical Engineering 2 years college prep.
  - c. College Physics 2 years
  - d. Vocational or other Radio School Electronics, U.S. Army
2. Practical Experience in Radio:
  - a. Employment as Radio, Electrical or Communications Engineer or Technician  
Radio Sales and Service 6 yrs (part time)
  - b. Amateur Radio 1933 to date Licenses Held W9SFS
  - c. Commercial Radio Operator 1st Class
  - d. Radio or Sound Repairman or Technician 6 yrs.

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- e. Experimenter or other 12 yrs. amateur transmitters and receivers
- f. International Morse Code: Transmit 15 W.P.M. Receive 15 W.P.M.
- g. Technical Knowledge of any Electronic Devices \_\_\_\_\_
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TYPING ABILITY 50 Words per Minute SHORTHAND ABILITY no Words per Minute

MISCELLANEOUS: (List any other information, qualifications and accomplishments.)

(n) names of societies or  
organiza is with which  
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(A.F. & AM. 476, Manito, Illinois,  
Phi Alpha a Law, Knights of Pythias,  
Lions Club, Pekin, Ill., Country Club

(I) Legal Residence: Pekin, Illinois

(J) Education: Bradley College, Peoria, Illinois  
(Names of Schools attended Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois B.S.  
and degrees received) Northwestern U., Law School, Chicago  
University of Illinois Law School, L.L.B.

(K) Name, address and relation-  
ship of person to be notified  
in case of emergency: Olive Pfander Velde,  
532 Hinman Ave.,  
Evanston, Illinois  
Wife

(L) List of names of any relatives now in the Government service, with degree of relationship, and where employed. (List all relatives, including those by marriage.): Lt. Richard W. Velde, USN, Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md.  
Capt. Robert L. Velde, US Army Signal Corp., Robbins Field, Macon, Ga.

✓(M) Offices where assignment preferred:  
(Limited to three) Springfield, Illinois

Very truly yours,

Harold H. Velde

Harold H. Velde

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Section 36 of the Bureau Manual of Rules and Regulations, please be advised that my status with respect to the items listed below is as follows:

- (A) Date of Birth: 4-1-10
- (B) Marital Status: (name of spouse) Olive Pfander Velde
- (C) Spouse's Place of Employment: none
- (D) Number and birth date of Children: 1 son, 12-12-31  
1 daughter, 1-11-33
- (E) Names of parents,  
brothers and sisters:
  - mother, Mrs. Laura A. Velde
  - brother, Lt. Richard W. Velde
  - brother, Capt. Robert L. Velde
  - father, (dec'd) Henry J. Velde
- (F) Maiden name of wife, together  
with names of wife's parents,  
brothers and sisters:
  - Olive Whittington Pfander
  - wife's mother, Winona Pfander
  - wife's father, (dec'd) J. Roy Pfander
  - no brothers or sisters
- (G) Names of husband's parents,  
brothers and sisters:





**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Springfield, Illinois  
September 8, 1942

To: The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States  
Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Interviewing Official: [REDACTED] Interview date: 9-4-42  
Name of Applicant: HAROLD HEDDEL VELDE Position: Special Agent

Exam Re-Exam. Age: 32 Education and degrees: B. S. and LL.B.  
Oral: [REDACTED] Marital Status: Married - two children  
Written x [REDACTED]  
Composite: [REDACTED]

1. GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF APPLICANT:

Applicant has been practicing law at Pekin, Illinois, since 1937 with apparently some success. Previous to that time he had four years of high school teaching experience. In addition he has been an amateur radio operator for about seven years operating his own station W9SF5. He presents a good appearance and personality and seems to be above average in intelligence and approach.

It is noted that Mr. VELDE previously applied for the position of Special Agent and that letter from this office to the Bureau dated 12-23-41 indicated that he desired to enter the Bureau merely for the period of the national emergency, however, Mr. VELDE now advises that he has become more interested in the Bureau's work and would consider making the Bureau a career. It is believed this individual presents prospects for advancement and a favorable recommendation is made.

Application for employment, Special Agent exam Set #8, Certificate of Medical Examination and conditional letter are attached. Applicant claims to be intimately acquainted with SA [REDACTED] & SA [REDACTED]. Immediate investigation is being instituted by this office and the Chicago Office has been requested to conduct appropriate investigation at Evanston.

Do you consider the Applicant qualified for the appointment he seeks and, if appointed, do you believe he would develop into better than an average employee? Yes.

SELECTIVE SERVICE INFORMATION:

- A. Has applicant registered? Yes. If so, what is order number? 3327  
Approximate date of induction? Unknown - 3A  
Does applicant intend to claim exemption? Yes, for dependent wife & children.  
If so, what deferment classification? 3A  
D. What is applicant's attitude toward military service? Satisfactory

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DATE 9-17

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4. PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

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A. PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND APPROACH: Excellent. Good. Fair. Poor.  
B. DRESS: Neat. Flashy. Poor. Untidy.  
C. FEATURES: Refined. Ordinary. Coarse. Dissipated.  
D. PHYSICAL DEFECTS, if any: NONE

5. CONDUCT DURING INTERVIEW:

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A. PERSONALITY: Excellent. Good. Fair. Average. Poor.  
B. POISE: Well-poised. Steady. Temperamental. Average.  
C. SPEECH: Average. Reficent. Talkative. Boastful.  
D. ASSURANCE: Self-confident. Fair. Over-confident. Lacking.  
10 E. NERVOUSNESS: None. Slight. Very nervous.  
F. FOREIGN ACCENT: None. Slight. Noticeable.  
G. TACT: Tactful. Average. Lacking.

10 6. GENERAL INTELLIGENCE:

- 10 A. Answers general questions definitely. Quickly. Vaguely.  
10 B. Has applicant studied Federal Procedure? Yes  
10 C. Any investigative experience? If so, describe Yes, as attorney.  
10 D. Does the Applicant appear to be resourceful? Yes  
10 E. Does the Applicant appear to have executive ability? Possibly  
10 F. Is he likely to develop? Yes

10 7. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. What is his ultimate goal in life, aside from his desire to be connected with the FBI? Lawyer.  
B. What are his recreations and tastes? Social activities

8. HEALTH RECORD:

Good

9. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSONS TO WHOM INDEBTED:

\$3450. to American Savings and Loan Association, Pekin, Illinois  
\$500. to American National Bank, Pekin, Ill.; \$450. to Peoples State Bank, Manito, Illinois

10. CITIZENSHIP OF APPLICANT, WIFE AND PARENTS: (IF NATURALIZED, DATE AND PLACE). All American-born citizens

11. ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ETC: (INDICATE NATURE, PURPOSE AND LOCATION): Social organizations only as listed in application for employment.

12. ARREST RECORD (INDICATE CHARGE, DATE, PLACE, DISPOSITION) OF APPLICANT

AND RELATIVES: Several traffic tickets, Peoria and Pekin, Ill. Dates unknown.

13. RESIDENCE ADDRESSES DURING PAST FIVE YEARS:

731 Park Avenue, Pekin, Illinois

14. TIME CONSUMED IN PERSONAL INTERVIEW:  
30 minutes

Interviewing Official.

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TAPE. HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE - APPLICANT SA. NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY RE-  
CORDS, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, REFLECTS APPLICANT ATTENDED NINETEEN TWENTY-  
NINE TO THIRTYONE RECEIVING BS DEGREE, AVERAGE STUDENT, NO DEROGATORY  
INFORMATION, ~~RESIDENCE~~ RESIDENCE UNKNOWN. ADMISSION RECORD SHOWS APPLI-  
CANT BORN AT MANITO, ILLINOIS, INSTEAD OF SPRINGLAKE TOWNSHIP. CRIMINAL  
AND CREDIT RECD NEGATIVE.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:  
**RE HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE, SA APPLICANT, WHICH YOU ADVISED WAS DISCONTINUED ON  
SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE. BUREAU HAS NO RECORD OF THIS. PLEASE ADVISE.**

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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NEWARK

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Transmit the following message to:

**SUBMIT TELETYPE SUMMARY INVESTIGATION HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE, SA APPLICANT.**

**ACQUAINTED WITH SA [REDACTED] NEWARK. BORN APRIL ONE, NINETEEN TEN,  
SPRINGLAKE TOWNSHIP, ILL., MARRIED, WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME OLIVE PFANDER.**

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VELDE, SA APPLICANT. ACQUAINTED WITH SA [REDACTED] NEW YORK. BORN  
APRIL ONE, NINETEEN TEN, SPRINGLAKE TOWNSHIP, ILLINOIS, MARRIED, WIFE'S MAIDEN  
NAME OLIVE PFANDER.

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RE HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE, SA APPLICANT. COMPLETE INVESTIGATION DISCONTINUED  
SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN FORTYTWO.

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SUBMIT TELETYPE SUMMARY INVESTIGATION BY OCTOBER TWENTYSIX, HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE,  
SA APPLICANT. ATTENDED UNIV. OF IOWA, IOWA CITY, SATURDAYS, NINETEEN THIRTYTWO.  
BORN APRIL ONE, NINETEEN TEN, SPRINGLAKE TOWNSHIP, ILL., MARRIED.

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SUBMIT TELETYPE SUMMARY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BY OCTOBER TWENTYSIX, HAROLD  
HIMMEL VELDE, SA APPLICANT. ATTENDED UNIV. OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN, NINETEEN  
THIRTYFIVE TO THIRTYSEVEN, LLB DEGREE. INDEBTED THREE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS  
TO AMERICAN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOC., PEKIN.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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SHARP. HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE, SA APPLICANT, RETEL OCTOBER EIGHT LAST. THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE SENT BUREAU SEPTEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST. QUOTE. APPLICANT ENTERED MANITO, ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL IN NINETEEN TWENTY THREE AND GRADUATED WITH ABOVE AVERAGE GRADES IN NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN. ~~XXXX~~ ENTERED BRADLEY POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN AND ATTENDED UNTIL JUNE NINETEEN TWENTY NINE. GRADES AT BRADLEY WERE AVERAGE AND WAS MEMBER OF THETA KAPPA NU FRATERNITY.

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REFERENCES AND NEIGHBORS RECOMMEND APPLICANT AS SINCERE, HONEST, HARD WORKING, LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN WITH MODERATE HABITS. ALL CONTACTS MENTION THAT APPLICANT DRINKS BUT NOT TO EXCESS. APPLICANT REGISTERED WITH LOCAL SS BOARD NUMBER ONE, ~~XXXX~~ PEKIN, ILLINOIS. PRESENTLY CLASSIFIED IN THREE A AND IN GOOD STANDING. DATE FOR RECLASSIFICATION UNKNOWN. NO CRIMINAL RECORD IN ~~XXXX~~ PEORIA OR PEKIN. PEORIA MERHCNATS ASSOCIATION RECORDS REFLECT APPLICANT VERY SLOW TO PAY FROM NINETEEN THIRTY ONE TO NINETEEN THIRTY NINE. ONE ACCOUNT OF TWENTY TWO DOLLARS COLLECTED THROUGH COLLECTION AGENCY IN NINETEEN THIRTY TWO. JUDGMENT TAKEN BY DOCTOR FOR FOURTEEN DOLLARS IN NINETEEN THIRTY SIX PAID JANUARY TWENTY TWO NINETEEN THIRTY SIX. PEKIN CREDIT REPORTING AGENCY ADVISE APPLICANT GENERALLY SLOW IN PAYING OBLIGATIONS. MEMBERSHIP IN MASONS, MANITO, ILLINOIS, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, PEKIN AND LIONS CLUB PEKIN VERIFIED AS IN GOOD STANDING. INVESTIGATION DISCONTINUED. UNQUOTE.

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NOSE. HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE, SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANT. RETEL  
OCTOBER TWELVE FORTY TWO. APPLICANT INDEBTED TO PEOPLES STATE  
BANK, MANITO, ILLINOIS, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS AND TO  
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK, PEKIN, ILLINOIS, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.  
BOTH LOANS MADE TO ENABLE APPLICANT WHO HAS MADE IRREGULAR PAYMENTS  
TO OPEN LAW OFFICE IN PEKIN, BANK OFFICIALS STATE APPLICANTS MOTHER  
WHO OWNS CONSIDERABLE ~~PROPERTY~~ PROPERTY HAS SIGNED AS ENDORSER ON ALL  
NOTES. APPLICANT EMPLOYED ATHLETIC COACH, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHER  
HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL, HILLSDALE, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER NINETEEN RX THIRTY  
ONE TO JUNE NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE. APPLICANTS MOTHER, LAURA AMANDA  
VELDE, LOYAL AMERICAN AND WELL ~~RESPECTED~~ RESPECTED IN COMMUNITY, APPLICANTS  
BROTHER, RICHARD, FORMERLY CITY ATTORNEY AT HAVANA, ILLINOIS, NOW  
IN US NAVY, LOYAL AND ~~PATRIOTIC~~ PATRIOTIC AMERICAN OF GOOD REPUTATION AND  
CHARACTER. SPECIAL AGENTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
KNOW APPLICANT. NO CRIMINAL RECORD AVAILABLE MANITO OR HILLSDALE.

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Mr.  
Miss  
Mrs.

Date

Mr. Harold H. Velde

November 7, 1942

New appointment

Transfer

Promotion

Separation

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PRESENT STATUS

1. Title:

2. Grade:

3. Salary:

4. Seat of Government:

Field:

5. Division:

6. Appropriation:

PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title:

8. Grade:

9. Salary Special Agent

10. Seat of Government:

Field:

\$3200 per annum  
\$5.00 per diem

12. Appropriation:

13. Effective:

With entry on duty

14. Position:

Additional:

Vice:

Identical:

"Salaries and Expenses, FBI"  
(National Defense)

15. Remarks:

Recommended for appointment as a Special Agent, in Grade CAF 9, with salary at the rate of \$3200 per annum and \$5.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence and expenses of travel and operation when absent from official headquarters.

CC: Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm

DEC. 10 1942

(Title)

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.  
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NOVEMBER 7, 1942

Transmit the following message to:

MR. HAROLD H. VELDE  
731 PARK AVENUE  
PEKIN, ILLINOIS

YOU ARE OFFERED APPOINTMENT SPECIAL AGENT THIS BUREAU SALARY THIRTY TWO HUNDRED PER ANNUM LESS FIVE PERCENT DEDUCTION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES. ALLOWED EXPENSES OF TRAVEL AND OPERATION UNDER EXISTING REGULATIONS AND SIX DOLLARS DAY LIEU OF SUBSISTENCE WHEN ABSENT HEADQUARTERS WHICH WILL BE FIXED AT WASHINGTON DC EFFECTIVE WITH ENTRY ON DUTY AND THEREAFTER CHANGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FIELD ASSIGNMENTS. NOTIFY THIS OFFICE BY WIRE IF THIS APPOINTMENT ACCEPTED. IF YOU ACCEPT PROCEED TO WASHINGTON AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE REPORT TO ROOM FIVE TWO FIVE SIX UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BETWEEN NINTH AND TENTH STREETS NORTHWEST AT NINE AM ON NOVEMBER SIXTEENTH TO ENTER ON DUTY. RIGID PHYSICAL EXAMINATION MUST BE TAKEN AT WASHINGTON AND IF SAME REFLECTS YOU ARE NOT CAPABLE PERFORMING STRENUOUS DUTIES OR THAT YOUR COLOR VISION OR VISION NOT NORMAL OR THAT YOU HAVE ANY DEFECT WHICH MIGHT INTERFERE WITH YOUR USE OF FIREARMS APPOINTMENT WILL BE CANCELLED. FBI STANDARDS REQUIRE UNCORRECTED VISION NO LESS THAN TWENTY FORTY IN ONE EYE AND TWENTY FIFTY IN THE OTHER EYE CORRECTED WITH GLASSES TO NORMAL VISION OF TWENTY TWENTY. ARRANGE PERSONAL MATTERS THAT YOU MAY ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT WHERE SERVICES NEEDED. CONSIDER THIS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND PREPARE WIRE UPON REPORTING.

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AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RESIGN GIVEN: ASSIGNMENT DURING TRAINING  
WILL BE EITHER WASHINGTON DC OR QUANTICO VIRGINIA. PER DIEM NOT ALLOWED AT WASHINGTON  
DC IF TRAINING GIVEN AT QUANTICO PER DIEM OF THREE DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS WILL BE  
ALLOWED. NOT POSSIBLE FOR WIVES OR FAMILIES OF APPOINTEES TO BE DOMICILED AT QUANTICO  
DURING TRAINING PERIOD. SPECIAL AGENTS WHILE IN TRAINING REQUIRE FOLLOWING GYMNASIUM  
EQUIPMENT TWO PAIR WHITE WOOL SOCKS, TWO PAIR GRAY ATHLETIC TRUNKS ELASTIC WAIST

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Mr. Harold H. Velde  
Pekin, Illinois

November 7, 1942

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TWO ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS, ONE GRAY SWEAT SHIRT, ONE PAIR OF WHITE GYMNASIUM SHOES  
EITHER HIGH OR LOW AND ONE PAIR SHOWER ROOM CLOGS. SHOULD YOU HAVE THIS EQUIPMENT  
IN YOUR POSSESSION AT PRESENT TIME SUGGEST YOU BRING IT TO WASHINGTON WITH YOU  
OTHERWISE NECESSARY TO SECURE SAME SUBSEQUENT TO ENTRY ON DUTY. BEFORE REPORTING  
FOR DUTY YOU SHOULD PROVIDE YOURSELF WITH SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO ENABLE YOU TO LIVE FOR  
AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE RECEIVING YOUR FIRST SALARY CHECK.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CC: Communications Section

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September 14, 1942

✓ Harold Himmel Velde  
Ill.

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*m* Father, Henry Jacob Velde, Ill. (Deceased)  
*m* Mother, Laura Amanda Velde, Ill.  
*m* Brothers, Richard William Velde, Ill.  
*m* Lt. Robert Lee Velde, Ill.  
*m* Wife's maiden name, Olive Pfander, Iowa; Ill.  
*m* Husband, Harold Himmel Velde, Ill.  
*m* Father-in-law, James Roy Pfander, Iowa; (Deceased)  
*m* Mother-in-law, Winona Pfander, Kans.; Ill.

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HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE, SA APPLICANT. VELDE ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AS CLASSMATE OF SA [REDACTED] NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE TO NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. APPLICANT APPEARED TO BE HONEST, CONSCIENTIOUS AND INDUSTRIOUS. HE WAS OF MODEST MEANS AND APPARENTLY EARNED WAY THROUGH COLLEGE. VELDE WAS WELL LIKED AND RESPECTED BY FELLOW STUDENTS. HE WAS QUIET IN HABITS, NEAT IN DRESS AND ALWAYS READY TO ASSIST OTHER STUDENTS IN THEIR STUDIES. HE NEVER VOICED UNAMERICAN SYMPATHIES. HIS CLASSROOM RECITATIONS WERE PRESENTED IN A CLEAR LOGICAL AND INTERESTING MANNER.

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HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE, SA APPLICANT. SA [REDACTED] OF NY OFFICE ADVISED THAT HE WAS MERELY ACQUAINTED WITH APPLICANT BY VIRTUE OF HAVING ATTENDED SOME CLASSES WITH HIM IN UNIV OF ILLINOIS LAW SCHOOL. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE KNOWS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING OF APPLICANTS BACKGROUND, CHARACTER, MORALS OR PRIVATE LIFE AND IS UNABLE TO RECOMMEND APPLICANT EITHER FAVORABLY OR UNFAVORABLY FOR POSITION OF SA WITH THE BUREAU.

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HAY. HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE, APPLICANT SA. RECORDS UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS REFLECT APPLICANT BORN MANITO, ILLINOIS APRIL FIRST, NINETEEN TEN. MOTHER, MRS. H.J. VELDE, PRESENTLY LIVING MANITO, ILLINOIS. ENTERED UNIVERSITY FOR SUMMER SESSION JUNE, NINETEEN THIRTY TWO, ENTERED LAW SCHOOL SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE, RECEIVED LLB DEGREE OCTOBER, NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, FAIR STUDENT. NEIGHBORHOOD SATISFACTORY AND CRIMINAL CHECK NEGATIVE. CREDIT BUREAU, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS, REFLECTS REPORT FROM PEORIA, ILLINOIS, INDICATING APPLICANT HAS POOR CREDIT RATING THERE. CREDIT RATING CHAMPAIGN NEGATIVE. APPLICANT INDEBTED AMERICAN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, PEKIN, ILLINOIS, THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETEEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY ONE CENTS BALANCE ON BOND AND MORTGAGE, FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS INCURRED JULY TWENTY-SECOND, NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. PAYMENTS SLOW BUT AT PRESENT UP TO DATE. PROPERTY MORTGAGED IN JOINT NAME APPLICANT AND WIFE OLIVE VELDE.

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DRINK. HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE, SA APPLICANT. REGISTRARS RECORDS  
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, IOWA CITY, IOWA, INDICATE APPLICANT REGISTERED  
FOR ~~XXXXXX~~ SATURDAY CLASSES, NINETEEN THIRTYTWO BUT CANCELLED  
REGISTRATION AND NEVER ATTENDED. REGISTRATION AND CANCELLATION DATES  
NOT INDICATED. NO INDICATION ANY RESIDENCE, IOWA CITY. FURTHER  
INVESTIGATION NOT POSSIBLE UNLESS ~~XXXXXX~~ COURSES OF STUDY ALLEGEDLY  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

**Washington, D. C.**

TELETYPE BRIEF OF INVESTIGATION

October 19, 1942

RW  
67-255889

RE: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
Special Agent Applicant

SA Examination: 9/4/42  
Oral Rating :  
Written Rating:  
Composite :

Age: 32  
Married  
2 Children

BS-Northwestern University  
LLB-University of Illinois  
Member Illinois Bar

EDUCATION

Manito High School, Manito, Ill., 1923-1927,  
grad.

Applicant received above average grades.

Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Ill.,  
1927-1929 and summer 1931

Applicant's grades were average. Applicant was  
a member of Theta Kappa Nu Fraternity, and

Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., 1929-  
1931, BS degree and Law School summer 1937

Applicant was an average student. Summer school  
not mentioned.

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, Saturdays  
1932

Applicant registered but cancelled registration  
and never attended.

University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.,  
1935-1937, LLB degree (as on appl.)

Applicant also attended the Summer of 1932.  
He was a fair student.

Member Illinois Bar  
Illinois Bar Assoc.  
Tazewell County Bar Assoc.

Not verified.

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EXPERIENCE

Hillsdale High School, Hillsdale, Ill.,  
coach, math and science teacher, 1931-1935

Verified.

Self, Pekin, Ill., practice of law, since 1937

Neighbors recommend applicant as sincere,  
honest, hard working, and a loyal American  
citizen with moderate habits.

REFERENCES

Dr. R. F. K. Jordan,  
J. Norman Shade,  
I. M. Weimer, American Nat'l. Bank, Pekin, Ill.;

Speak highly of applicant. All mention that  
applicant drinks but not to excess.

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REFERENCES (cont'd.)

☐ R.L.Mahr,  
Dr.N.A.Wright,Sr.,both Manito,Ill.;  
E.L.Hanson,Hillsdale,Ill.;  
C.V.O'Hern,  
Clarence Heyl,both Peoria,Ill.  
Everett M.Dirksen,Pekin,Ill. }

MEMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS

A.F.and A.M.#426; Knights of Pythias; Lions Club; Lamba Chi Alpha; Phi Alpha Delta, Legal Fraternity; American Radio Relay League; Pekin Country Club.

RELATIVES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

☐ Robert L.Velde,Lieutenant,U.S.Army,brother. } Verified.

MISCELLANEOUS

Neighborhood investigation of applicant and relatives

Favorable; however, all mention that applicant drinks but not to excess. Applicant's father is deceased. school records.  
Verified by/ No un-American sympathies were disclosed in the investigation.

Born April 1, 1910, Springlake Township, Ill.

Languages

German - fair reading proficiency, poor speaking and writing.

Criminal Record:

Few traffic tickets, Peoria and Pekin, Ill.

No criminal record in Peoria or Pekin.

Selective Service Act

Applicant has been classified 3-A, and date for reclassification is unknown. Applicant has a satisfactory attitude toward military service.

Indebtedness: Pekin,Ill.,  
American Savings and Loan Assoc./\$3450.  
American National Bank,Pekin,Ill.,\$500.  
Peoples State Bank,Manito,Ill.,\$450.

Presently owes \$3319.51, payments slow but at present up to date.  
Verified.

Verified. Presently owes \$485.00. Loans were made from American National Bank and Peoples

State Bank to enable applicant, who has made irregular payments, to open a law office in Pekin. Bank officials state applicant's mother, who owns considerable property, has signed as endorser on all notes.

Credit Rating

Records of Peoria Merchants Association reflect that applicant has been very slow to pay from 1931 to 1939. One account of \$22.00 was collected through collection agency in 1932; and judgment was taken by a doctor for \$14.00 in 1936, which was paid January 22, 1936. Pekin Credit Reporting Agency advised applicant is generally slow in paying obligations.

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Acquainted with SA's [redacted]  
and [redacted]

Agent [redacted] advised that he was merely acquainted with applicant by virtue of having attended some classes with him in the University.

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of Illinois Law School; that he knows absolutely nothing of applicant's background, character, morals or private life and is unable to recommend applicant either favorably or unfavorably for position of SA with the Bureau. Agent [REDACTED] advised he attended the University of Illinois as a classmate of applicant from 1935 to 1937; that applicant appeared to be honest, conscientious, industrious, was well liked and respected by fellow students, was quiet in habits, neat in dress and always ready to assist other students in their studies. SA [REDACTED] referred applicant to the Bureau.

Personal Interview with SA [REDACTED]  
12/23/41

Stated that when applicant was advised of the nature of the Bureau's work, he stated he desired to withdraw his application inasmuch

as he did not care for general investigative duties, and desired to enter the Bureau merely for the period of the national emergency, with the expectation that he could continue his law practice on the side.

Personal Interview with Interviewing  
Official, [REDACTED] 9/4/42

States applicant's personal appearance and approach and personality are good, fair assurance, average tact, answers general

questions definitely, has studied Federal procedure, has had investigative experience - as an attorney, appears to be resourceful, possibly has executive ability, and is likely to develop. Interviewing Official states applicant presents a good appearance and personality and seems to be above average in intelligence and approach. It is noted that applicant previously applied for the position of Special Agent and that letter from Springfield Office to the Bureau dated December 23, 1941 indicated that he desired to enter the Bureau merely for the period of the national emergency, however, applicant now advises that he has become more interested in the Bureau's work and would consider making the Bureau a career. Applicant stated he has been an amateur radio operator for about seven years operating his own station W9SF5. It is believed this individual presents prospects for advancement. Recommendation - favorable.

OUTSTANDING ENDORSERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS - SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Applicant's physical report, dated September 4, 1942, reflects his vision to be 20/30 both eyes without glasses, corrected to normal both eyes with glasses; color vision normal by color chart; slight obstruction right side of nose due to old fracture; and he is recommended for arduous physical exertion.

*W. R. Glavin*  
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I ACCEPT APPOINTMENT AS SPECIAL AGENT YOUR BUREAU THANK YOU

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November 7, 1942

Mr. Harold H. Velde  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice

Dear Mr. Velde:

You are hereby appointed a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, with salary at the rate of \$3200 per annum in Grade CAF-9. You will also be allowed your expenses of travel and operation and per diem in lieu of subsistence in accordance with existing regulations when absent from official headquarters, which are hereby fixed at Washington, D. C., effective upon your entry on duty, to which point you should proceed at your own expense in order to assume your official duties. Your headquarters will thereafter be changed from time to time to such places as may be deemed advisable by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under whose supervision and instructions you will be employed.

Your salary, expenses, and per diem will be paid from the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of Investigation, (National Defense)," FIELD.

This appointment will take effect when you enter on duty at Washington, D. C.

This letter is not to be considered as operating credentials and is not to be so used. Operating credentials are issued separately.

Respectfully,

*Francis Biddle*

Attorney General.

By the Attorney General:

(Signed) James Rowe, Jr.

The Assistant to the Attorney General.

Additional Position

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

From: Chief Clerk's Office Room 5513

November 7, 1942

To: ~~Reading Room~~  
~~Mr. Glavin~~

FOR APPROVAL TO GO OUT

Appointment- Mr. Harold H. Velde, Special Agent, CAF 9, \$3200 per annum.

B. S. Degree - Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

LLB University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois

Mr. Velde is a member of the Illinois Bar.

Applicant is acquainted with following SA's:  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Selective Service: 3-A

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W. R. Glavin



HEADQUARTERS  
SIXTH SERVICE COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
U. S. POST OFFICE BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 20, 19

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
SPKOI 201-Velde, Harold H. (I) (ERC)  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Private Harold H. Velde  
731 Park Avenue  
Pekin, Illinois

1. The above-listed reservist has indicated that he has been appointed a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

2. Request verification of above information in order that Private Velde may be discharged from the Enlisted Reserve Corps in accordance with previous War Department instructions relative to Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agents.

For the Commanding General:

*A. M. Bennett*  
A. M. BENNETT,  
Captain, Infantry,  
Asst., Chief Mil. Pers. Br.

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## PERSONNEL AFFIDAVIT

Justice FBI Washington, D.C.  
(Department or agency) (Bureau or division) (Place of employment)  
Name HAROLD H. VELDE  
(Given name, initial or initials, if any, and last name. Print or type)

Section 9A of Public 252—76th Congress, approved August 2, 1939, otherwise known as the "Hatch Act," provides:

"(1) It shall be unlawful for any person employed in any capacity by any agency of the Federal Government, whose compensation, or any part thereof, is paid from funds authorized or appropriated by any Act of Congress, to have membership in any political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States.

"(2) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be immediately removed from the position or office held by him, and thereafter no part of the funds appropriated by any Act of Congress for such position or office shall be used to pay the compensation of such person;"

It is provided in various appropriation acts that no part of the funds so appropriated shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence, and that an affidavit shall be considered *prima facie* evidence that the person making the affidavit does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence. Such acts provide further that any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment, the salary or wages for which are paid from any such appropriation, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both, and that the above penalty shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

I, Harold Himmel Velde, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have read and understand the foregoing; that I do not advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; that I am not a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; and that during such time as I am an employee of the Federal Government, I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence.

Harold H. Velde  
(Signature of employee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of November A. D., 1942  
at Washington, D.C.  
(City or place) (State)

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School of Law  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear [REDACTED]

I am indeed pleased to inform you that an appointment to the position of Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been tendered to Mr. Harold H. Velde of Pekin, Illinois, who graduated from the University of Illinois School of Law in the Class of 1937.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG:

RE: SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT

There is being set out below my status with regard to the Selective Service Act:

I did (~~did not~~) register for the draft.

If not, why not?

My local board order number is: 3327

My National lottery number is:

Questionnaire received? yes

Classification Assigned: 3

Was deferment requested? no

If so, by whom requested?

Action taken on request:

Marital status: married

Number and address of Local Board: Pekin, Illinois, No. 1

Very truly yours,

Harold H. Valde

Special Agent

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

November 18, 1942

MEMORANDUM

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A search of the files of this Division  
fails to disclose any record of Harold Himmel Velde  
employee, whose fingerprint card has been  
retained here. The fingerprint classification  
in this case is    21 L 17 7 100 20  
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Very truly yours,

  
C. Tamm

FOR DEFENSE



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

November 17, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Clegg *AKC*

Re: Harold H. Velde  
New Agents Class No. 10  
11/16/42 to 2/6/43

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E.A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On October 22, 1942, I enlisted in the reserve corps of the U.S. Army Signal Corp at the Peoria, Illinois, Recruiting and Induction Station, my serial No. 16075506. I was subsequently assigned to a pre-electronics training course given under the supervision of the Signal Corps at Burr Signal School, 1620 N. Ashland St., Chicago, Illinois, which school was supervised by [REDACTED]. I was attending this school when I was notified by your bureau that I was offered an appointment as special agent.

Upon receipt of your telegram, I contacted [REDACTED] who referred me to [REDACTED] Commandant of the 6th Corps Area Signal Corps, 209 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois. I was then referred to Lt. [REDACTED] Assistant Commandant, same address. Lt. [REDACTED] then told me that he would contact the Chicago office of your bureau, as well as other parties necessary to secure my release from the enlistment. He also asked me to write him a letter of resignation which I did. I took my letter of resignation to Lt. [REDACTED] the following afternoon, November 11, 1942, at which time he advised me that I would be granted permission to resign, and suggested that I proceed to Washington, D.C. to accept my appointment as special agent, which I did.

I am writing this to explain this situation to you as well as to ask you to find out whether I have been released from this enlistment.

Respectfully submitted,

*Harold H. Velde*

Harold H. Velde

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the sole civilian government investigative agency having jurisdiction over the investigation of matters pertaining to national defense such as espionage, sabotage, registration of agents of foreign principals, sedition, treason, and the like, and further, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sole investigative jurisdiction in a great number of other Federal statutes which embrace bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slave traffic, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and numerous others. This Bureau has also been designated by Congress as the agency officially responsible for the tabulation and dissemination of police statistics for the entire country. Under an act of Congress these statistics are gathered and are distributed to thousands of interested police and affiliated agencies every six months so that trends in crime, crime records, and crime control can be known to those to whom it is of most interest. Further than this, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the agency having jurisdiction over the classification and maintenance of fingerprint records not only on a national basis but on an international basis. The greatest depository of fingerprint records in the world is maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C. We have over fifty-three million sets of fingerprints on hand today and are receiving fingerprint records at a rate of approximately 105,000 each day. The military and naval authorities have issued orders that all employees of manufacturing plants operating under contracts with the War Department or Navy Department must be fingerprinted and their fingerprints sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for search against our existing files. Obviously the purpose of such an order is to ascertain the criminal background, if any, of persons who are occupying positions where they have access to confidential information and to eliminate from such positions those persons whose records indicate that their interests are not those of our government.

We are also receiving fingerprint records of all persons enlisting or being inducted into the army and other military and naval services. All employees of the Federal government are fingerprinted and their fingerprints searched through our files for prior criminal records, again for the purpose of guarding against the employment of persons in the Federal government whose backgrounds indicate that they might not function to the best interests of our government. We are receiving thousands of criminal fingerprints from all police agencies throughout the country and it is essential that these fingerprints be handled promptly and the contributing agency advised of any prior record so that justice may be intelligently administered. By means of this procedure the Federal Bureau of Investigation is able to identify thousands of fugitives from justice each year who otherwise might not be identified by local police agencies who do not have the benefit of prior criminal records as reflected on fingerprint cards which were made at the time of some previous arrest. Many such persons are wanted for a previous criminal act by some other law enforcement agency and are presently attempting to disguise their true identity through assuming a fictitious name. This ruse on their part is penetrated through the science of fingerprinting and the Federal Bureau of Investigation is enabled to advise the interested local law enforcement agency of the true identity of the individual and he can be held for appropriate prosecutive action, whereas if not identified, he quite possibly would have been released to continue his depredations against society.

Our criminological laboratory handles the scientific examination of evidence in cases investigated by the Federal and local law enforcement agencies. A very high percentage of the work presently being performed by the Technical Laboratory is in connection with the national war effort. Evidence collected in suspected sabotage cases is examined by the scientists in our laboratory who are qualified to handle examinations of almost any technical nature. The personnel in the Technical

Laboratory have been trained through education and experience to handle such subjects as analytical chemistry, qualitative and quantitative analysis, ballistics tests, microanalysis examinations, spectrographic examinations, cryptograph and cryptanalysis work, and many other highly technical examinations.

The Files Section of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contains files on hundreds of thousands of individuals whose activities are of the greatest importance to the country today. It is highly important that we maintain in the Files Section a nucleus of experienced personnel so that the information contained therein can be made readily available to the supervisory personnel of this Bureau and also be made available to other governmental agencies such as the State Department, Military Intelligence Division, Office of Naval Intelligence, and the Immigration and Naturalization service. It is most essential that only the most trusted employees be assigned to this work because of the highly confidential material that is contained in our files.

All of the functions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are so closely inter-related that it is essential that qualified and experienced personnel be available not only to perform their own work but to train new employees. The Congress of the United States has passed several bills within the past year approving an increase in the personnel. When it is considered that the work of this Bureau is highly confidential it can be appreciated that the selection of personnel must be made with great care. It has been our experience that only one employee is obtained from every one hundred persons who have applied. It is necessary that each employee be investigated thoroughly so that there will be no possibility of having a person in our service who is not loyal to the United States. We have found that it is extremely difficult to secure qualified persons for almost any of the positions that are available. At the present time we have approximately 1,500 employees less than the number that has been authorized by Congress. Every effort is being made to obtain these additional employees as they are badly needed in order for us to properly carry on the work that has been assigned to us. We are endeavoring to obtain these additional persons without interfering in any way with the administration of the Selective Training and Service Act. In all positions where possible we are utilizing the services of female employees. With the exception of Special Agents' and Laboratory Scientists' positions, no appointment of male employees who may be eligible for military service are being made. It is absolutely necessary, however, that our experienced personnel be maintained so that the new personnel can be adequately supervised and trained.

All employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been working at top speed to keep abreast of our duties. The regular work week has been extended to 44 hours, and in addition to that, employees are performing a tremendous amount of overtime and no compensation whatever is paid for the overtime service performed. Our Special Agent investigators are performing no less than four hours a day overtime service and the clerical personnel is performing between one and two hours a day overtime service. Obviously very little consideration can be given to replacing an experienced employee until such time as we are able to build up our present staff to the number authorized and needed.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are given twelve weeks of training which embraces 535 hours of study. During that period of time they are trained not only in investigative techniques and procedures, but are qualified in the handling of firearms, mechanical devices, and technical devices in use by the Bureau. After entering the Field service which follows their training period, their skill of course increases with their length of service in the Field. It would



obviously, therefore, be impossible to adequately replace an experienced Special Agent until the replacement had been in the service an equal length of time.

The science of the classification of fingerprints is one of the most exacting in the world today. Employees in law enforcement organizations handling fingerprint activities are of a profession which demands the utmost skill and honesty in the practice of that profession. In the Federal Bureau of Investigation we train Fingerprint Technicians through classroom and practical study for a period of approximately six months. At the end of that time those employees are qualified to examine sets of fingerprints and to identify like sets. This science cannot be taught overnight and the loss of a fingerprint man at any stage of his training or employment is a severe blow to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at this time when we are receiving thousands of sets of prints from all of the coordinated activities of the Government and from local law enforcement agencies.

The Laboratory Scientists of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all graduate scientists, are thoroughly schooled in the science of criminology and today are performing duties pertaining to the successful war effort one hundred percent of their time. Their training in this field, embracing all sciences of laboratory examination which includes cryptography, chemistry, ballistics, geology, serology, and many others, has been invaluable in the solving of espionage, sabotage, and other subversive activities. It is essential that these scientists many times perform their scientific work in the field under such conditions that they could not be replaced with employees not possessing their physical attributes.

Bureau employees in positions aforementioned and for whom deferments are requested possess technical and scientific skills which renders them irreplaceable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at this time.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December 19 42.

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Notary Public

**SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM**  
**AFFIDAVIT—OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION (Industrial)**

(Affidavit—Occupational Classification (General), Form 42, is provided  
for use in activities where the items on this form are not applicable)

Name of registrant HAROLD H. VELDE

Selective Service Order No. 3327 Age 32

Local Board 1 Tazewell Pekin Illinois  
(Number) (County) (City) (State)

Title of present job Special Agent

State whether journeyman, apprentice, helper, certificated, licensed, professional engineer, etc.:

Describe duties actually performed See attachment. It will be noted that this Agent is  
presently performing duties in a position which has been designated as critical  
(Be specific—include name of machine or machine tool, process, materials, etc.)  
to the effective functioning of this Bureau by General Hershey of the National  
Selective Service Headquarters in Local Board Release Number 75, which was  
issued under date of December 29, 1941.

Date employed November 16, 1942 Date entered present job November 16, 1942

Average weekly rate of pay, \$ 32.00 annually Average hours worked per week See attachment

Prior work experience

Educational background B.S. Degree Northwestern University. LL.B. Degree University  
of Illinois  
(Fill out if necessary to establish employee's qualifications for a particular job)

How long will it take you to replace this employee? See attachment

What specific steps have you taken to secure or train a replacement for this registrant?

See attachment



# AFFIDAVIT—OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION (Industrial)—Continued.

Name of company Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice  
(Corporation, partnership, individual—if self-employed, so state)

Address of company Washington, D. C.  
(Location of plant, office, or division where registrant is employed)

Description of the activities of this company See attachment

State specifically what proportion of your products currently produced are:

(a) for use in the war effort See attachment

(b) for civilian use

Is expansion or further conversion contemplated in war production? See attachment

Number employees now	Number additional needed in next 6 months	Number additional needed in next year
Explain <u>See attachment</u>		

Is a replacement training program in operation? See attachment Contemplated? See attachment  
Explain

This form was completed at the plant or office of the company located at

Washington, D. C.  
and all correspondence relative to this affidavit should be so addressed.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm)  
that I am the Director of the above-named company, and that the  
(Official position)  
foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December, 1942

(Signature of official administering oath)

(Official designation of official administering oath)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This form is to be filled out by an employer or other person who has knowledge of the registrant's eligibility for Class II deferment as a necessary man in his civilian occupation or activity. If the registrant is deferred, the employer must notify the Local Board promptly of any change in the registrant's job status, or if his employment is terminated.

December 5, 1942

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Harold H. Velde  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

DECLASSIFIED BY SP5TC/ST  
ON 9-22-99

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Dear Mr. Velde:

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of the physical examination afforded you at the United States Marine Hospital, Quantico, Virginia, on November 25, 1942.

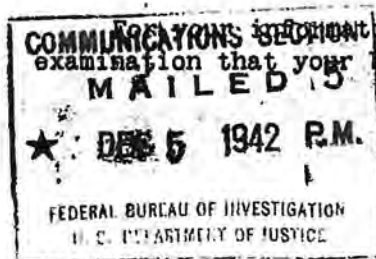
This report reflects the following physical defects:

None

The Board of Examining Physicians makes the following recommendations:

Vaccination for smallpox.  
Inoculation for typhoid.  
Inoculation for tetanus.

It reports that you are capable of performing strenuous physical exertion, and have no physical defects that would interfere with your participation in raids or other work involving the practical use of firearms.



Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

CC: Mr. Clegg  
CC: Mr. Glavin

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I, Harold Himmel Velde..... do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice......

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here).....

Harold H. Velde

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

16th day of November.. 1942

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Ora A. Steed

Notary Public

DATE OF ENTRY ON DUTY

November 16, 1942

DATE OF BIRTH

April 1, 1910

PLACE OF BIRTH\*

Spring Lake Township, Jaywell Co. Illinois

\* If foreign born, date of naturalization .....

LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE

Pekin, Illinois

DO YOU RECEIVE AN ANNUITY UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT ACT?

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.....No.....  
(Yes or no)

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Washington, D. C.

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December 5, 1942

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

Re: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANT

A request has been received from the Provost Marshal General's office indicating that one Harold Himmel Velde, who resides at 731 Parke Avenue, Pekin, Illinois, and who was born April 1, 1910 at Spring Lake Township, Illinois, had applied for a position in the War Department as a Junior Engineer in the Office of the Commandant General School, 6th Service Command, Chicago, Illinois.

The file reflects that Harold Himmel Velde entered on duty as a Special Agent of the FBI on November 16, 1942.

In accordance with instructions from [REDACTED] Captain [REDACTED] was advised that Velde entered on duty as Special Agent on November 16, 1942.

Respectfully,  
[REDACTED]



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HEADQUARTERS  
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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
U. S. POST OFFICE BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 17, 1942

IN REPLY REFER TO:

SPKOI 201-Velde, Harold H. (I)(ERC)  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Private Harold H. Velde  
731 Park Avenue  
Pekin, Illinois

1. Under date of November 20, 1942, a letter was written asking for verification of information furnished this headquarters that the above-named reservist had been appointed a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

2. Any action you may take to expedite forwarding of the desired information will be greatly appreciated. A franked envelope is inclosed for your convenience in sending us this information.

For the Commanding General:

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*M. Bennett*  
M. M. BENNETT,  
Captain, Infantry,  
Asst., Chief Mil. Pers.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Reference is made to your communication of December 17, 1942, with regard to Mr. Harold H. Velde, who is a member of the Enlisted Reserve Corps, in which you request verification of his appointment as a Special Agent of this Bureau.

No doubt you have now received my letter of December 12, 1942, advising you that Mr. Velde was appointed to the position of Special Agent on November 16, 1942, and is presently performing duties in one of the critical positions of this Bureau.

If there is any additional information you may desire, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

November 30, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Re: HAROLD H. VELDE  
New Agents Class #10  
11-16-42 to 2-6-43  
SELECTIVE SERVICE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E.A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

There is attached hereto a copy of a letter written by the above trainee to his local draft board regarding his Selective Service registration, which is self-explanatory.

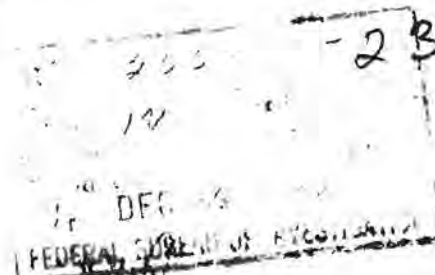
Respectfully submitted,

Counselor

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New Agents Class No. 10  
Room 5256 Dept of Justice Bldg.,  
Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED]  
Pekin, Illinois

Dear [REDACTED]

For the purpose of your records, I wish to advise that my address is now as above and that my occupation is changed to that of Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This change was made through the permission of [REDACTED] Assistant Commandant U.S. Army Signal Corps, 209 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois. As far as I know, I am still classified as enlisted private in the U.S. Army Reserve Signal Corps, serial no. 16075506, inasmuch as I have not at this time received a discharge therefrom.

I also wish to advise that I have misplaced or lost my original registration card and request that you forward me a duplicate thereof at your convenience.

Our work here in training is very interesting. We will be here in Quantico, Va. at the FBI Academy and at Washington, D.C. for about 10 weeks, after which, if we pass the course, we will be sent out in the field.

By the way, I wonder if it would inconvenience you too much to find out where [REDACTED] is staying in Washington, D.C. I would like to look him up some time. Please give my regards to [REDACTED] also to all of the Court House gang.

Sincerely yours,

*Harold H. Velde*

Harold H. Velde

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December 23, 1942

Local Board Number 1  
Selective Service System  
Pekin, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Selective Service case of Mr. Harold H. Velde, who is duly registered at your Board as Order Number 3327. I desire to advise you that Mr. Velde accepted an appointment as a Special Agent of this Bureau on November 16, 1942.

In connection with this matter, I am transmitting herewith, D.S.S. Form 42-A (Revised) executed by me under date of December 15, 1942, requesting that occupational deferment in Class II-B be granted to him. It will be noted that Mr. Velde is presently performing duties in a position which has been listed as critical to the effective functioning of this Bureau by General Hershey of the National Selective Service Headquarters in Local Board Release Number 75, which was issued under date of December 29, 1941.

Mr. Velde possesses the qualifications which make him adaptable to the necessary specialized training and highly technical knowledge so essential to the performance of his duties in connection with the successful war effort that it is not possible to replace him at this time.

I want you to know that it is my desire to cooperate with your Board in every possible way and, of course, I shall keep you promptly advised should there be any change whatsoever in the occupational status of this registrant with this Bureau.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Clegg  
SAC Springfield

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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J. Edgar Hoover

January 6, 1943

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Special Agent in Charge  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that Special Agent **Harold H. Velde**, who entered on duty **November 16, 1942**, in Grade Caf-9, at a salary of \$3,200 per annum, has been directed to report to you for assignment. The training school terminates on **February 6, 1943**, on which date he will proceed to your division. You should advise the date of his arrival.

You are instructed to continue the training of the Agent so that he may receive experience in all branches of the work of the Bureau. In submitting special efficiency reports, in accordance with the provisions of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, you should include statements as to the kinds of cases on which the employee has been engaged, his ability or lack thereof in any certain phase of the work, and particularly his ability to perform more involved investigations, such as bankruptcy. It is further desired that you give your personal attention to the development of this employee along administrative and executive lines and that any pertinent information indicating possibilities for assignment to such work be reported to the Washington headquarters of the Bureau from time to time.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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December 12, 1942

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Dear [REDACTED]

Reference is made to your recent communication regarding Mr. Harold H. Velde who is a member of the Enlisted Reserve Corps. 3

I desire to advise you that Mr. Velde was appointed to the position of Special Agent on November 26, 1942, and is presently performing duties in one of the critical positions of this Bureau. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter and if there is any further information you may desire do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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VELDE, HAROLD H.

AGE - 32

MARITAL STATUS - Married

LEGAL RESIDENCE - Pekin, Illinois

TITLE - Special Agent

EDUCATION - B.S., 1931, Northwestern Univ.; LL.B., 1937, Univ. of Ill.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE - General Law Practice

OFFICES OF PREFERENCE - Springfield; Miami; Los Angeles

Velde for the past several years has been engaged in general law practice, and previously was employed for approximately four years as a school teacher.

He is average. He presents a good appearance, is mature, well poised, and appears to be intelligent. His absorption of the classroom material to date has been average. He has a likeable personality and has no trouble in making contact. He has dabbled in the amateur radio field and holds an amateur radio transmitter's license. He has no knowledge of a foreign language.

It is recommended that he be assigned to a southwestern office.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

January 11, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG:

Re: Harold H. Velde  
New Agents Class 10  
11/16/42 to 2/6/43  
Honorable Discharge  
from U.S. Army

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This is to advise that the above named  
trainee has received an honorable discharge  
from the Enlisted Reserve Corp, Army of the  
United States, signed by [REDACTED] Major,  
A. G. D., on December 29, 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

*Harold H. Velde*  
Harold H. Velde

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

**Washington, D. C.**  
Quantico, Virginia  
January 27, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG *pkc*

Re: Harold H. Velde  
New Agents Class # 10  
E. O. D. 11/16/42

I hereby certify that the above-named Special Agent is qualified in the use of all Bureau firearms and that he has made qualifying scores in each required firearms course.

Respectfully,

*Henry Sloan*

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DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

February 1, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

RE: HAROLD H. VELDE  
New Agents Class #10  
11-16-42 to 2-6-43

This is to certify that the above-named trainee has been afforded an automobile driver's test. During this test, he operated the automobile in a satisfactory manner.

Respectfully,

[Redacted signature block]  
Counselor

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VELDE holds an Illinois driver's license, and he has driven approximately 75,000 miles.

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UNIT STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NEW SPECIAL AGENTS - EFFICIENCY REPORT

RE: HAROLD H. VELDE

Date Submitted February 9, 1943

Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Glavin.....  
Mr. Ladd.....  
Mr. Nichols.....  
Mr. Rosen.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Mr. Carson.....  
Mr. Hendon.....  
Mr. McGuire.....  
Mr. Mumford.....  
Mr. Piper.....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....  
Mr. Nease.....  
Mr. Gandy.....

Date of Training School 11-16-42 to 2-6-43

Age 32

Legal Residence Pekin, Illinois

Marital Status Married - 2 children, boy 9 and girl 10 1/2 Gandy

Offices of Preference Springfield; Miami; Los Angeles.

Assigned to Salt Lake City

Education: B.S., 1931, Northwestern University; LL.B., 1937, University of Illinois.

Previous Experience: General Law Practice.

Training School Grades

Examination, Rules & Regulations		Auditory Test	
Examination, Manual of Instructions		Visual Memory Test	
Examination, National Defense		Auto Driving	
Laboratory Examination		Moot Court	
NMVT Special Interview Test		Uniform Crime Reporting	
Searches at Crime Scene		Practical Public Speaking	
Fingerprint Identification		Practical Photo Problem	

Firearms Training

Rip Shooting:  
Practical Pistol Course:  
Shotgun:

.30 Rifle:  
Machine Gun:

Velde from 1931 to 1935 taught and coached athletics in a high school in Illinois. From 1937 until the time he entered the Bureau as an agent he practiced law in Pekin, Illinois. He holds an amateur radio transmitter operator's license.

This Agent presents a good personal appearance. He is tall, large boned, and wears glasses. He has confidence in himself, is sufficiently aggressive, and appears generally mature.

Velde is a little blunt and gives the impression at times of being self-centered. He has shown improvement in overcoming these delinquencies, but will need supervision in these respects when he gets to the field.

Because his two children are attending school Velde has stated that he would appreciate being kept in his first office of assignment for the school year.

Velde was slightly above the average of his class in training school and should develop into at least an average agent in the field.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Clegg

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February 22, 1943

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Special Agent in Charge  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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ON 9-22-99  
#442814

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the following papers concerning Special Agent **Harold H. Velde**, who entered on duty in the Bureau on **November 16, 1942**, as an Agent:

Field vocation record  
Personnel status report  
Efficiency report  
Report of physical examination  
Field leave record card  
Field firearms record card

The efficiency report is for your confidential information, and may be used by you as a guide in the future training of this employee. The vocation record and the reports on personnel status, efficiency, and physical condition, should be placed in the Agent's Field Personnel File.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

**Washington, D. C.**

Salt Lake City, Utah  
February 12, 1943

DIRECTOR, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re; HAROLD H. VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT

This is to advise that Agent VELDE arrived in Salt Lake City from Washington, D. C. at 1:00 P. M. February 12, 1943 and reported for duty at this office at 5:07 P. M. the same day.

Mrs. OLIVE VELDE, Wife, Capitol Motor Lodge, Salt Lake City is the person to be notified in case of emergency.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

67-255889-27  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to September 4, 1942, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of five dollars (\$5), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$5,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Mrs. Olive Velde Address 731 Park Ave. Peking Ill.  
Relationship wife Dated Nov. 23 1942

Very truly yours,

Harold H. Velde  
Special Agent  
Harold H. Velde



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March 26, 1943

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. J. C. Newman  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
301 Continental Bank Building  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Newman:

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You are advised that the Bureau's records indicate that the following Special Agents have not as yet contributed to the Agents Insurance Fund:

  
Harrold H. Velde

It is desired that you personally speak to the above Agents with a view to ascertaining whether they desire to participate therein, advising the Bureau immediately thereafter as to whether they wish to subscribe to the Fund. It should be pointed out to them that at the present time they do not enjoy the benefits of the Fund.

There are enclosed two beneficiary forms which these Agents may use if they so desire. It is desired that a reply to this communication be received in the Bureau not later than April 6, 1943.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Salt Lake City, Utah  
April 5, 1943

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DIRECTOR, FBI

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to Bureau letter of March 26, 1943  
advising that the Bureau's records indicate that Special Agents  
[REDACTED] and HAROLD H. VELDE had not yet contributed  
to the agents Insurance Fund.

This matter was discussed with both Agents [REDACTED]  
and VELDE who expressed a desire to take out a membership in  
this fund. Forms were furnished the agents and their contri-  
butions have since been forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

JCH:lsb  
AMASD

JAY C. NEWMAN  
SAC

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
May 8, 1943

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ON 9-22-99  
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Director, FBI

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Dear Sir:

Re: HAROLD H. VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT

For the Bureau's information, I wish to advise that Agent VELDE has indicated a desire to be considered by the Bureau for Electrical and Sound Training. He has indicated to me that he had the following experience in connection with Electricity, Radio and Sound Work:

1933 and 1934 - Taught Electricity and Radio at Hillsdale High School, Hillsdale, Illinois

Since 1934 has held Amateur Radio License W9SFS, issued by Federal Communications Commission.

Constructed own amateur band radio transmitter and receiver.

Operated own ten meter radio phone band from 1939 until December 8, 1941 when Federal Communications Commission ordered discontinuance of all amateur radio transmitters.

From October 1942 until entering Bureau Service, held U. S. Civil Service rating of Junior Radio Engineer. -

Attended U. S. Army Signal Corps School, Sixth Corps Area, Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

JCN:lgsh

Name added to list.

Jay C. Newman

JAY C. NEWMAN

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June 11, 1943

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Local Board Number 1  
Selective Service System  
Pekin, Illinois

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Selective Service case of Mr. Harold H. Velde, who is registered at your Board as Order Number 3327. You will recall that this registrant was formerly a member of the Enlisted Reserve Corps and has received an honorable discharge by reason of his employment in this Bureau. Mr. Velde, who is 33 years of age, entered this Bureau on November 16, 1942, and holds the position of Special Agent receiving \$3200 per annum.

In accordance with Section III of Executive Order 9309, the Review Committee on Deferral of Government Employees of the War Relocation Commission has advised the Agency Committee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that they have approved the position which this registrant holds as one of the key positions in this Bureau. Accordingly, the Agency Committee requests occupational deferment for Mr. Velde.

Under the provisions of Executive Order 9309, Section II, Paragraphs 2 and 3, the Chairman of the War Relocation Commission has approved a Regional Committee for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This request for occupational deferment made by this Bureau has been reviewed and approved by the Agency Committee in question.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ I appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and should there be  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ additional information you may desire with regard to this case, please  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_ do not hesitate to call upon me. I shall keep you promptly advised of any  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_ change in the occupational status of this registrant.

Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely yours, 7-255881-29

Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REQUEST**  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED 6  
JUN 11 1943 P.M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

*[Handwritten signature]*

*V.D.*

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**Notice of right to appeal**

Appeal from classification by local board must be made within 10 days after the mailing of this notice. You may file a written notice of appeal with the local board, or you may go to the office of the local board and sign appeal form on back of Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40).

Within the same 10-day period you may file a written request for personal appearance before the local board. If this is done, the time in which you may appeal is extended to 10 days from the date of mailing of a new Notice of Classification (Form 57) after such personal appearance.

If you are the first person to take an appeal and such appeal is based on occupational grounds, you may, in accordance with Selective Service regulations, request transfer of the case to the board of appeal having jurisdiction over the area where you work.

If an appeal has been taken and you are classified by the board of appeal in either Class I-A, I-A-O, or IV-B and one or more members of the board of appeal dissented from such classification, you may file appeal to the President with your local board within 10 days after the mailing of notice of such classification.

For advice, see your Government appeal agent.

The law requires you: (1) To keep in touch with your local board; (2) to notify it of any change of address; (3) to notify it of any fact which might change your classification; (4) to comply with the instructions on the notice of classification part of this form.

**DUPLICATE**

**NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION** App. not Req.

**Harold Himmel Velde**

(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

Order No. **3327** has been classified in Class **3-A**

(Until \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_)

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.  
☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ President.

**June 15**, 19**43**

(Date of mailing)

(Date of next board)

The law requires you, subject to heavy penalty for violation, to have this notice, in addition to your Registration Certificate (Form 2), in your personal possession at all times—to exhibit it upon request to authorized officials—to surrender it, upon entering the armed forces, to your commanding officer.

DSS Form 57. (Rev. 3-29-43)

Cut along this line to detach card

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JUN 23 1943

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	

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June 23, 1943

Mr. Harold H. Velde  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Mr. Tolson — Dear Sir:  
Mr. E. A. Tamm —

Mr. Clegg —

Mr. Coffey —

Mr. Glavin —

Mr. Ladd —

Mr. Nichols —

Mr. Rosen —

Mr. Tracy —

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Mr. Nease —

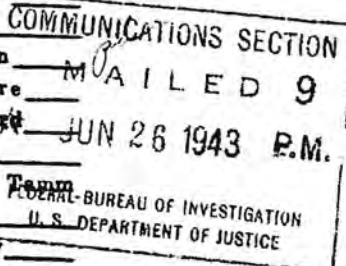
Miss Gandy —

This will acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of \$5.00 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any participating Special Agent of the Bureau who dies, from any cause except self-destruction, while employed as a Special Agent. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Olive Valde Address 1177 S 8 E St Salt Lake City  
Utah  
Relationship wife Dated 4-2-43

Very truly yours,



*Salt Lake City*  
*6-23-43*  
*4-8*  
Harold H. Valde  
Special Agent



REPORT OF REGULAR (✓); INTERIM ( )  
PROBATIONARY—1ST ( ) 2d ( )  
EFFICIENCY RATING

Classification Symbols		
CAF	9	\$3200
(Service)	(Grade)	(Class)

Less than 90 days

As of March 31, 1943 based on performance during period from Feb. 12, 1943 to March 31, 1943

HAROLD H. VELDE

(Name of employee)

SPECIAL AGENT

(Title of position)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(Bureau)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(Division)

(Section)

(Subsection or unit)

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

(Field office)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE		CHECK ONE:
✓ if adequate	1. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position.	Administrative, supervisory, or planning ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
— if weak	2. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning employees on all elements pertinent to the position whether in <i>italics</i> or not.	All others ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
+ if outstanding	3. Before rating, become thoroughly familiar with instructions in the rating manual.	

- ..... (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.
- ..... (2) Mechanical skill.
- ..... (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
- ..... (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
- ..... (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
- ..... (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
- ..... (7) Accuracy of operations.
- ..... (8) Accuracy of final results.
- ..... (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
- ..... (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
- ..... (11) Industry.
- ..... (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
- ..... (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? ..... (Yes or no))
- ..... (14) Ability to organize his work.
- ..... (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.
- ..... (16) Cooperativeness.
- ..... (17) Initiative.
- ..... (18) Resourcefulness.
- ..... (19) Dependability.
- ..... (20) Physical fitness for the work.

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- ..... (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
- ..... (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
- ..... (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
- ..... (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
- ..... (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
- ..... (30) Ability to make decisions.
- ..... (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- ..... (A) .....
- ..... (B) .....
- ..... (C) .....

STANDARD	Adjective rating	Numerical rating	Rating official	Reviewing official
Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form				
All underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Excellent	1		
A majority of underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Very good	2 or 3		
All underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks fully compensated by plus marks, or a majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks on underlined elements over-compensated by plus marks on underlined elements	Good	4, 5, or 6		
A majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks not fully compensated by plus marks	Fair ✓	7 or 8		
A majority of underlined elements marked minus	Unsatisfactory	9		

On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? YES (See back of form)  
(Yes or no)

Rated by James G. Sullivan Special Agent in Charge April 10, 1943  
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by W. V. Glavin Federal Bureau of Investigation JUN 9 1943  
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee Report to employee  
16-28177-1 (Date) (Adjective rating) (Numerical rating)

## CONDUCT REPORT

(This space is to be used in case the question on the face of the sheet regarding the employee's conduct has been answered "No." In such a case give here a full statement of the particulars in which the employee's conduct has not been satisfactory.)

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(Signature)

## EXPLANATION OF DEVIATIONS FROM STANDARD

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(Signature)

HAROLD H. VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT

This agent's appearance is average or slightly below average. He is not overly impressive at first. He is pleasant in manner, however. He is tall, large boned and at first gives the impression of being somewhat rural. I believe he could be a little snappier in his movements and approach.

The dictation of this agent has been rated by some stenographers as fair and others as good. He operates an automobile satisfactorily and makes a satisfactory witness. Until he acquires additional field experience, I do not consider him qualified to handle dangerous assignments. I believe he would work out satisfactorily on a physical surveillance. He is a good typist but has no knowledge of shorthand. His report work has been very good for an agent with his length of service. His construction has been good and the reports have been set up in a complete manner. He is about average in his ability to contact law enforcement officials and business people. He seems to have organized and initiated investigations quite well.

Agent VELDE has had investigative experience in connection with Internal Security matters. He has also worked on 25 and 43 classifications in the National Defense category. Criminal investigations handled by him have included 26, 31, 47 and 52 classifications. He has also handled applicant matters.

This agent has not demonstrated or indicated any supervisory administrative or executive ability.

He has not been assigned to a Technical Surveillance.

He has averaged 69 hours overtime per month. The office average during this same period, exclusive of the time on 24 hour Technical Surveillances is 90 hours per month.

Agent VELDE has indicated an interest in being used for an SIS Assignment. He has no knowledge of a foreign language. In my opinion he needs additional seasoning in the field before being considered for such an assignment.

This rating is also being considered the sixty day efficiency report on this employee.

H.H.V.  
Agent's Initials

RE-TRAINING

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HAROLD H. VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT

Since my efficiency report of April 10, 1943, Agent VELDE has shown noticeable improvement.

He is a tall, raw-boned individual, who at times gives the impression of being a little awkward. However, since my last report this agent has demonstrated considerable more confidence in himself in discussions regarding his work and in his daily contacts. It is believed he can be expected to improve further.

This agent is very conscientious, loyal and energetic and anxious to succeed. His report work has been good for a new agent. He has exhibited unusual attention to small details.

Agent VELDE has had considerable experience in the field of radio, electricity and sound work. He holds an amateur radio operator's license with the Federal Communications Commission. He has expressed a desire to attend the Bureau's sound school.

Agent VELDE made a satisfactory showing in firearms training and observed all the safety rules. I do not believe, however, that he should be used on dangerous assignments until he has had additional experience.

I consider Agent VELDE as having made satisfactory progress and with continued application on his part should develop into at least an average agent.

*H. H. V.*  
Agent's Initials

*Harold H. Velde*

*Initials*

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*H. H. V.*

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REPORT OF REGULAR ( ) INTERIM ( )  
PROBATIONARY-1st ( ) 2d ( )  
EFFICIENCY RATING

Classification Symbols		
CAF	9	\$3200
(Service)	(Grade)	(Class)

As of June 25, 1943 based on performance during period from April 1, 1943 to June 17, 1943

HAROLD H. VELDE SPECIAL AGENT FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
(Name of employee) (Title of position) (Bureau)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
(Division) (Section) (Subsection or unit) (Field office)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 2. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning employees on all elements pertinent to the position whether in <i>italics</i> or not. 3. Before rating, become thoroughly familiar with instructions in the rating manual.	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning _____ <input type="checkbox"/> All others _____ <input type="checkbox"/>
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- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.  
----- (2) Mechanical skill.  
----- (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.  
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----- (6) Attention to pertinent detail.  
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----- (11) Industry.  
----- (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.  
----- (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? \_\_\_\_\_) (Yes or no)  
----- (14) Ability to organize his work.  
----- (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.  
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----- (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.  
----- (30) Ability to make decisions.  
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STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- (A) \_\_\_\_\_  
----- (B) \_\_\_\_\_  
----- (C) \_\_\_\_\_

STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form		Adjective rating	Numerical rating
All underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Adjective rating Excellent		1
A majority of underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Very good		2 or 3
All underlined elements marked, at least with a check, and minus marks fully compensated by plus marks, or a majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks on underlined elements overcompensated by plus marks on underlined elements	Good ✓		4, 5, or 6
A majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks not fully compensated by plus marks	Fair		7 or 8
A majority of underlined elements marked minus	Unsatisfactory		9

Rating official	_____
Reviewing official	_____

On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? YES (See back of form)  
(Yes or no)

Rated by Jay C. Newman Special Agent in Charge June 25, 1943  
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee 7.6.1 Report to employee \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Adjective rating) (Numerical rating)



## CONDUCT REPORT

(This space is to be used in case the question on the face of the sheet regarding the employee's conduct has been answered "No." In such a case give here a full statement of the particulars in which the employee's conduct has not been satisfactory.)

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(Signature)

## EXPLANATION OF DEVIATIONS FROM STANDARD

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(Signature)



San Francisco, California  
August 31, 1943

ADDENDUM

Re: HAROLD H. VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT

11-16-42

The attached communication constitutes the sixty day efficiency rating of the above named employee.

Agent VELDE dresses neatly and conservatively and presents a mature, businesslike personal appearance. He possesses a pleasant personality, although much more quiet and reserved than the average agent, has a cheerful disposition and gets along well with his fellow employees. He possesses a good knowledge of the duties he performs and applies himself well. He exercises good judgment and demonstrates average initiative and resourcefulness for an agent of his length of service. He seems to have enough force and aggressiveness to properly handle his duties. He displays a good attitude, is cooperative and interested in his work, and seems to be a sincere, conscientious and loyal employee.

Agent VELDE is a competent automobile driver and is a better than average typist. He does not understand shorthand. His proficiency in dictation is rated by the stenographers as average for an agent of his length of service. Both the quality and quantity of his work have been very satisfactory. He has testified before the Federal Grand Jury and also in open court and, according to the United States Attorney's Office, he has made a competent witness. He is qualified in the use of firearms, has apprehended Selective Service fugitives, and I would not hesitate to utilize his services in connection with assignments of a more dangerous nature. He has not yet had an opportunity to participate in physical surveillances in this district. He seems to have the ability to properly handle the contacts of law enforcement officials and business executives. He organizes his assignments well for an agent of his length of service and is capable of properly initiating investigations and following them through to logical conclusions. He is able to handle assignments of some complexity and requires about average supervision.

Agent VELDE has been assigned principally to the investigation of Selective Service cases. He has not yet had an opportunity to function on any technical surveillances although he has some proficiency as a junior radio engineer and seems to be above average in technical work. He is capable of reading German and understands the spoken language to some extent. He participates actively in agents' conferences.

Agent VELDE has not yet been in the Field long enough to evidence any executive, administrative, or supervisory ability. He

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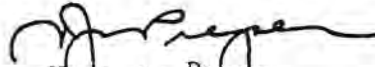
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SA Harold H. Velde

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has been making normal progress for a second office agent and should continue to develop as he acquires more experience in connection with Bureau work.

At the present time I consider Special Agent VELDE's rating to be good.



M. J. L. Pieper  
Special Agent in Charge

HVP/mg

*San Francisco 6-18*

*H. H. V.*



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(Signature)

## EXPLANATION OF DEVIATIONS FROM STANDARD

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(Signature)

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

San Francisco 4, California  
September 21, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

In conducting an investigation at Hayward, California, in a routine Selective Service case, the above named Agent met one [REDACTED] who upon learning that Mr. VELDE was a Special Agent of the Bureau said he wanted to give himself up in connection with the theft of some Government bonds and cash. [REDACTED]

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After determining by search that all [REDACTED] individuals were unarmed, Agent VELDE requested them to accompany him to the Alameda County Sheriff's office for questioning. [REDACTED]

As indicated, this entire matter developed out of a routine Selective Service inquiry and I believe Agent VELDE exercised considerable ingenuity and resourcefulness and very good judgment in his handling of the situation.

Chief ROBERT P. TRACY of the Oakland Police Department directed a letter to me under date of August 16, 1943, commending Agent VELDE for his attention to duty and pointing out that through his cooperation and assistance an aggravated burglary case was brought to a successful conclusion.



OP. 1

memo for [unclear]  
10/6/43 [unclear]


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[Signature]

Mr. Tolson...  
Mr. E. A. Tamm...  
Mr. Clegg...  
Mr. Coffey...  
Mr. Glavin...  
Mr. Ladd...  
Mr. Nichols...  
Mr. Rosen...  
Mr. Tracy...  
Mr. Acers...  
Mr. Carson...  
Mr. Hendon...  
Mr. Mumford...  
Mr. Starke...  
Mr. Quinn Tamm...  
Mr. Nease...

Director - 9/21/43 - Page 2

It is suggested that the Bureau direct a letter to Agent VELDE commending him for his alertness and fine work and that he be considered for an increase in salary. Agent VELDE entered on duty as an Agent on November 16, 1942, is a second office Agent, and is in Grade CAF-9 at \$3200.

Very truly yours,

  
M. J. L. PIEPER  
Special Agent in Charge

HVP:FL

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to August 31, 1943, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name OLIVE P. VELDE Address 2301 PACIFIC AVE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.  
Relationship WIFE Dated 7-31-43

Very truly yours,

Harold H. Velde  
Special Agent

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

October 6, 1943

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Acers  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Starke  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Beahm  
Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GLAVIN

RE: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
Special Agent  
San Francisco Field Division

CONCERNING OUTSTANDING WORK PERFORMED BY THIS AGENT

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b7D By letter dated September 21, 1943, SAC Pieper called the Bureau's attention to the fact that Special Agent Harold H. Velde, while conducting an investigation at Hayward, California, in a routine Selective Service case, met one [REDACTED] who, upon learning that Velde was a Special Agent of this Bureau, said he wanted to give himself up in connection with the theft of some government bonds and cash. [REDACTED]

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b7D After determining by search that all [REDACTED] individuals were unarmed, Agent Velde requested them to accompany him to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office for questioning.

BACKGROUND

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b7D You will recall that [REDACTED]

COMMENTS OF SAC

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b7D SAC Pieper pointed out that the [REDACTED] as well as the institution of a National Stolen Property investigation regarding [REDACTED] and he believed Agent Velde exercised considerable ingenuity, resourcefulness, and very good judgment in his handling of the situation. It was further noted that Robert P. Tracy, Chief of the Oakland Police Department, directed a letter to SAC Pieper as of [REDACTED]



August 16, 1943, commending Agent Velde for his attention to duty and pointing out that through his cooperation and assistance, an aggravated burglary case was brought to a successful conclusion.

SAC Pieper recommended that Agent Velde be commended for his alertness and fine work and that he be considered for an increase in salary.

A PERMANENT BRIEF OF THIS AGENT'S FILE IS ATTACHED.

RECOMMENDATION

It is to be noted that Special Agent Velde is presently in grade CAF-9, \$3200, and will be eligible for reallocation consideration as of 11-16-43. In view of the accomplishments which resulted from his alertness and resourcefulness in this instance, it is recommended:

- (1) That he be reallocated from grade CAF-9, \$3200, to grade CAF-10, \$3500;
- (2) That a letter of commendation be directed to him.

Respectfully,

*M. W. Acers*  
M. W. Acers

*Rec. letter of  
commendation only  
and that reallocation  
be put through  
routinely.  
JPM  
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*9 agree  
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OK*

*I agree  
10/8/43*

*Sent Per Rec to  
Sept and  
letter commendation  
letter  
10/8/43  
JPM*



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr.  
Miss  
Mrs.

Mr. Charles H. Velde

Date October 6, 1943

New appointment ☐

Transfer ☐

Promotion ☒

Separation ☐

## PRESENT STATUS

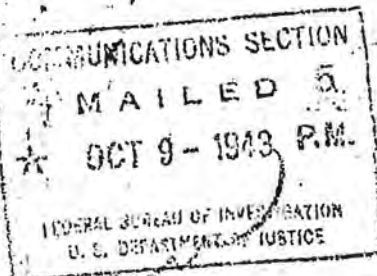
1. Title: Special Agent
2. Grade: GS-9
3. Salary: \$3280 per annum
4. Seat of Government: ☐  
Field: ☒
5. Division:
6. Appropriation: "Education and Defense, WPA" (National Defense)

## PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title: Special Agent
8. Grade: GS-10
9. Salary: \$3580 per annum
10. Seat of Government: ☐  
Field: ☒
11. Division:
12. Appropriation: "Education and Defense, WPA" (National Defense)
13. Effective: October 16, 1943
14. Position: ☐ Additional: ☐  
Vice: William L. Anderson, Jr.  
Identical: Graduate School
15. Remarks:

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg Adm. Section  
Mr. Coffey Selective Service  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Storke \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



(Title)

October 8, 1943

Mr. Harold H. Velde  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
One Eleven Sutter Building, Room 1729  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Velde:

The Bureau is in receipt of information indicating that recently while you were conducting an investigation of a routine Selective Service case you developed information which resulted in the successful conclusion of an aggravated burglary case and, in view of the excellent service performed by you, you are advised that you are being promoted to \$3500 per annum in Grade CAF 10, effective October 16, 1943.

I desire at this time to commend you for your alertness and attention to duty.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

CC: SAC San Francisco

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date: October 8, 1943

Effective:      October 16, 1943

	FROM	TO
POSITION	Special Agent	Same
GRADE	CAF-9	CAF-10
SALARY	\$3200	\$3500
BUREAU OR DIVISION		
HEADQUARTERS		
APPROPRIATION	S&E, FBI (Natl. Def.)	Same
DEPARTMENTAL OR FIELD	Field	Same

REMARKS:

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By direction of the Attorney General

*New appointees must take oath of office, enter on duty and execute necessary appointment papers before any payment of salary can be made.*

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FOR O.P.F.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

WLM:MS

November 17, 1943

Local Board Number 1  
Selective Service System  
Pekin, Illinois

RE: <sup>P</sup>HAROLD H. VELDE  
Order Number 3327

Gentlemen:

The Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission, established under the provisions of Executive Order 9309, has determined the position of Special Agent held by Mr. Velde to be a key position within the meaning of said Executive Order.

The Agency Committee of this Bureau, which has been established in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 9309, recommends that the attached Forms 42 and 42 S be forwarded to you requesting occupational deferment on behalf of Mr. Velde.

I would appreciate having these affidavits made a part of the file of the above-named registrant, and request your consideration of the same when you determine his classification. Should you want any additional information, do not hesitate to call upon me. I shall keep you promptly advised of any change in the occupational status of this registrant.

**AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REQUEST**

AGENCY COMMITTEE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Sincerely yours

NOV 24 1943  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosure

CC: Review Committee, War Manpower Commission  
CC: SAC - San Francisco

Tolson  
E. A. Tamm  
Clegg  
Coffey  
Glavin  
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*[Handwritten signature and initials]*

HAROLD H. VELDE

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Illinois

Mr. Velde is a Special Agent and as such holds a key position as designated by the Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission within the meaning of Executive Order 9309. The performance of his duties is essential and critical to the execution of the work assigned by law and Executive Directive to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

To the Federal Bureau of Investigation is assigned the responsibility of investigating all acts of espionage, sabotage and all actions tending to undermine the internal security of the nation. We must also investigate and enforce all those federal statutes assigned to the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau such as: bank robbery, kidnaping, interference with the interstate transportation of goods, National Stolen Property Act, White Slave Traffic Act, etc., the enforcement of which are necessary to the preservation of the national health, safety and interest.

To carry on this work it is necessary to maintain a corps of trained investigators. Mr. Velde is such a trained Special Agent. In the attached Form 42 S further information relative to Mr. Velde is set forth.

J. Edgar Hoover

Washington, D. C.

15th

November

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Notary Public



	HAROLD	H.	VELDE
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1	Pekin	Tazewell	Illinois
	Special Agent	x	
	U. S. Department of Justice		Federal Bureau of Investigation

See attachment. Mr. Velde is an investigatory agent charged with the duty of investigating violations of the laws of the United States, collecting evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest, and performing other duties imposed upon him by law.

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	Washington, D. C.	
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Hillsdale High School	Hillsdale, Ill.	9/1931	5/1935	Coach	\$1500

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Northwestern U.	Evanston, Illinois	1929	1931	B. S.	Economics
		Summer of 1937			
U. of Illinois	Urbana, Illinois	1935	1937	LL. B.	Law

**AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REQUEST**

AGENCY COMMITTEE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

See attachment

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Yes

June 7, 1943

See attachment

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Clyde A. Tolson

November 15, 1943

## SPECIAL AGENTS

This position has been designated as a key position by the Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the sole civilian government investigative agency having jurisdiction over the investigation of matters pertaining to national defense such as espionage, sabotage, registration of agents of foreign principals, sedition, treason, and the like, and further, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sole investigative jurisdiction in a great number of other Federal statutes which embrace bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slave traffic, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and numerous others. The investigative work in connection with the above violations is performed by the Special Agent personnel of this Bureau, who are recruited from applicants between the ages of twenty-three and forty. They must be graduates of a law school or an accounting school with the necessary accounting experience, or graduates of a university with extensive investigative experience, or with linguistic qualifications, or have basic educational training and possess satisfactory prior law enforcement experience which will enable them to satisfactorily perform the duties imposed upon them. For certain of the scientific investigative work, Special Agents are secured who primarily are qualified in the sciences, such as ballistics, chemical analysis, spectography, cryptography, mineralogy, metallography, toxicology, and other like sciences. Applicants for appointment to the position of Special Agent must meet the physical standards and requirements for this position, which are exceedingly high. They must have vision of no less than 20/40 in one eye, 20/50 uncorrected, both eyes to be corrected to 20/20. They must have no color deficiency whatever.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation undergo a rigorous training program. All newly appointed Special Agents in the Federal Bureau of Investigation attend training classes for a period of sixteen weeks; the hours of training are from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, which course of study is equivalent to two full years of college study. During this period of training, they are thoroughly instructed in the basic rules and regulations and jurisdictions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They must satisfactorily pass numerous written examinations during their period of training. If a trainee fails to pass any of these examinations, he is dropped from the school.

The duties of a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are most arduous. They must be available at a moment's notice to go to any part of the United States or to any assignment outside the United States. The hours of duty for these employees are such that they must be in excellent physical health. The average work week for a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is no less than seventy hours. The work of a Special Agent, regardless of his particular qualification, is such that he cannot lead a sedentary or well regulated life. Due to the small number of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation presently handling the work under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation within and without the continental United States, it is necessary that the entire staff be highly mobile.

Special Agents are required to be able to conduct investigations in more than 100 types of cases, including espionage, sabotage, subversive activities, frauds against the government, kidnaping, extortion, bank robbery, White Slave

Traffic Act, etc. They are trained in and required to maintain constant skill in the use of highly technical equipment, technical processes, such as those necessary for the development of latent fingerprints, concealed or obliterated numbers upon firearms, to understand the use of code messages, to conduct physical surveillances of subjects of espionage and similar cases, sometimes for periods of many months, and when necessary, to assume a necessary character to enable them to fit in an undercover capacity into the activities and operations of groups such as foreign agents, who are engaged in thwarting the war effort.

The arduousness and importance of the work of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was readily recognized by the military and naval leaders. The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, for the Secretary of the Navy, requested Special Agent employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to submit their resignations from reserve commissions held by them in the naval services because it had been determined that those Special Agents could better serve their country in their present assignments than if they were to be called into active naval service. The Secretary of War, in 1942, addressed personal communications to 168 Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who at that time held reserve commissions in the Army. The Secretary of War at that time advised the Special Agents that their employment in the FBI is of such vital importance to the national defense as to necessitate their remaining at their posts of duty despite the fact that they held reserve commissions in the United States Army, and the request was made that these Agents, through the proper channels, submit their resignations from their commissions.

General Lewis B. Hershey of the Selective Service System pointed out in his Directive to all Local Boards of December 29, 1941, that Special Agent positions of the FBI were most important and essential to the national health, safety, and interests, and that the national defense functions of the FBI should not be impaired by the removal of trained personnel from critical positions in the Bureau.

The position of Special Agent has always been considered the most critical of all positions in the FBI, since, with the tremendous bulk of work placed upon us due to the war emergency, it is essential that a trained qualified staff be available for the handling of this work. If the Federal Bureau of Investigation cannot continue to retain its personnel in this critical position, aid and comfort would most certainly be given to the enemy and others whose interests are inimical to the best interests of the country today. Up to the present time the full complement of Special Agent personnel has not been secured and every effort is being made to secure the necessary additional Special Agent personnel.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November 19 43

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Notary Public



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

San Francisco 4, California  
December 2, 1943

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Mumford	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Director, FBI

Re: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of September 21, 1943, concerning the alertness and fine work performed by the above named Agent in connection with a burglary case which arose out of a Selective Service matter he was investigating.

For the further information of the Bureau in this connection, I am attaching three copies of a letter dated November 23, 1943 received from District Attorney RALPH HOYT of the Alameda County concerning the matter as well as three copies of my reply thereto.

I believe it would facilitate our relations with the Alameda County District Attorney's office, and a salutary effect would be created if the Bureau would likewise express its appreciation to Mr. HOYT for the favorable comments contained in his letter.

Very truly yours,

W. J. L. PIEPER  
SAC

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco 4, California  
December 2, 1943

Hon. Ralph E. Hoyt  
District Attorney  
Alameda County  
Oakland, California

Dear Mr. Hoyt:                      Attention: Mr. R. H. Chamberlain, Assistant

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I have your letter of November 23, 1943, commending the  
cooperation extended your office by Special Agent Harold H. Velde  
in the [REDACTED]

I was also pleased to note your favorable comment concerning the  
testimony of this Agent at the trial.

I appreciate very much your having advised me of the fore-  
going and want you to know that the Agents of this Bureau are most  
desirous to be of assistance to you in matters of mutual interest.

With best wishes and kind personal regards,

Very truly yours,

W. J. I. PIERCE  
Special Agent in Charge

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Ralph E. Hoyt  
District Attorney

Office of  
District Attorney of  
Alameda County  
Oakland, California

J. Frank Coakley  
Chief Assistant

November 23, 1943

Mr. N. J. L. Pieper  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
111 Sutter Street, Suite 1729  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

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I am writing to express the appreciation of this office for the effective cooperation rendered to us by Special Agent Harold H. Velde of your office in the prosecution of [REDACTED] last week. Mr. Velde was the officer who placed [REDACTED] under arrest and to whom [REDACTED] made certain damaging admissions which involved him with two other men in the commission of the first degree burglary.

Mr. Velde appeared as a witness for the prosecution at the trial of the case and made a splendid witness. His clear and accurate statements on the witness stand impressed the court and jury and were of material assistance in obtaining the conviction of both defendants of burglary in the first degree.

We appreciate his cooperation, which is not at all unique in the relations between your office and this office. I am happy to commend the agent for his efficient work.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

RALPH E. HOYT  
District Attorney

By R. H. Chamberlain  
Assistant

JBG:MM

December 17, 1943

Honorable Ralph E. Hoyt  
District Attorney of  
Alameda County  
Oakland, California

Dear Mr. Hoyt:

Mr. H. J. L. Pieper, Special Agent in Charge of our San Francisco Field Office, has brought to my attention your letter of November 23, 1943, in connection with the work of Special Agent Harold H. Felds.

Thank you very much for your commendatory expressions concerning his participation in the prosecution of [redacted] and I am glad to learn of the successful conclusion of this matter. It was a pleasure for the FBI to cooperate with you in this regard and please do not hesitate to communicate with us whenever we can be of assistance in matters of mutual interest.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ed. Edgar Hoover

cc - San Francisco

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# CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

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Local Board No. 1	61
Hazewell County	179
	601
County Court House	
Pekin, Illinois	

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

The law requires prompt notice of this classification by General Draft Board.  
Any statement you wish included in my mail is enclosed immediately.

MAR 11 1944

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

MAR 25 1944

You are advised that—

..... Harold ..... Himmel ..... Velde .....  
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)  
Order No. 3327 has been classified in Class .....  
until May 20, 1944  
(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)  
by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of ..... to .....).

☐ President.

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FEDERAL BUREAU

DSS Form 59  
(Revised 2-29-43)

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(Member or clerk of local board)

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### Appeal Procedure

Any person entitled to do so may take an appeal to the board of appeal within 10 days after the above date of mailing of Notice of Classification to registrant in either of the following ways:

- (1) By filing with the local board a written notice of appeal. Such notice need not be in any particular form but must state the name of the registrant and the name and identity of the person appealing so as to show the right of appeal.
- (2) By signing the "Appeal to Board of Appeal" on the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40).

When an appeal is taken from the classification or reclassification of a registrant and when such appeal is upon the ground that the registrant should have been deferred by reason of his occupation, the appeal shall be transferred to the board of appeal having jurisdiction over the area in which the registrant is employed, provided all of the following conditions are met (but not otherwise):

- (1) The first person to appeal from such classification or reclassification files with his appeal a written request for such transfer;
- (2) The written request states in what respect an occupational question is involved; and
- (3) The written request states the name of the registrant's employer and the street address, county, and State where the registrant is employed.

The person appealing may attach to his notice of appeal or to the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40) a statement specifying the respects in which he believes the local board erred, may direct attention to any information in the registrant's file which he believes the local board has failed to consider or give sufficient weight, and may set out in full any information which was offered to the local board and which the local board failed or refused to include in the registrant's file.

Appeal to the President from classification by the board of appeal may be taken at any time within 10 days after the date of mailing of notice to registrant, provided the registrant was classified by the board of appeal in either Class I-A, Class I-A-O, or Class IV-E and one or more members of the board of appeal dissented from such classification. Otherwise, the decision of the board of appeal is final except when an appeal is taken to the President either by the State Director of Selective Service or the Director of Selective Service on the ground that he deems it to be in the national interest or necessary to avoid an injustice.



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco 4, California  
March 21, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE,  
SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

The above named Agent did not report for duty on March 13, 1944, and has not reported since that time. He has a mild case of scarlet fever. He expects to return to work, March 27, 1944.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. RISPER

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March 29, 1944

RE: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
Order Number 3327

The Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission, established under the provisions of Executive Order 9309, has determined the position of Special Agent held by Mr. Velde to be a key position within the meaning of said Executive Order.

I would appreciate having these affidavits made a part of the file of the above-named registrant, and request your consideration of the same when you determine his classification. The principal place of employment of this registrant is San Francisco, California.

Sincerely yours:

**AUTHORIZED. COMMENT REQUEST**

AGENCY COMMITTEE  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CC: SAC - San Francisco

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E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE

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Mr. Velde is a Special Agent and as such holds a key position as designated by the Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission within the meaning of Executive Order 9309. The performance of his duties is essential and critical to the execution of the work assigned by law and Executive Directive to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

To the Federal Bureau of Investigation is assigned the responsibility of investigating all acts of espionage, sabotage and all actions tending to undermine the internal security of the nation. We must also investigate and enforce all those federal statutes assigned to the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau such as: bank robbery, kidnaping, interference with the interstate transportation of goods, National Stolen Property Act, White Slave Traffic Act, etc., the enforcement of which is necessary to the preservation of the national health, safety and interest.

To carry on this work it is necessary to maintain a corps of trained investigators. Mr. Velde is such a trained investigator. In the attached Form 42 S further information relative to Mr. Velde is set forth.

J. Edgar Hoover

Washington, D. C.

29th

March

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Notary Public

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Special Agent

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U. S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

See attachment. Mr. Velde is an investigatory agent charged with the duty of investigating violations of the laws of the United States, collecting evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest, and performing other duties imposed upon him by law.

November 16, 1942

San Francisco, Calif.

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**AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT REQUEST**

AGENCY COMMITTEE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

See attachment

3-A LB

3-A 6/15/43 LB

2-A 3/24/44 LB 5-20-44

Yes

June 7, 1948

See attachment

See attachment

See attachment

Approximately

4675

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None

See attachment

See attachment

Clyde A. Tolson  
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March 29, 1944



## SPECIAL AGENTS

This position has been designated as a key position by the Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the sole civilian government investigative agency having jurisdiction over the investigation of matters pertaining to national defense such as espionage, sabotage, registration of agents of foreign principals, sedition, treason, and the like, and further, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sole investigative jurisdiction in a great number of other Federal statutes which embrace bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slave traffic, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and numerous others. The investigative work in connection with the above violations is performed by the Special Agent personnel of this Bureau, who are recruited from applicants between the ages of twenty-five and forty. They must be graduates of a law school or an accounting school with the necessary accounting experience, or graduates of a university with extensive investigative experience, or with linguistic qualifications, or have basic educational training and possess satisfactory prior law enforcement experience which will enable them to satisfactorily perform the duties imposed upon them. For certain of the scientific investigative work, Special Agents are secured who primarily are qualified in the sciences, such as ballistics, chemical analysis, spectography, cryptography, mineralogy, metallography, toxicology, and other like sciences. Applicants for appointment to the position of Special Agent must meet the physical standards and requirements for this position, which are exceedingly high. They must have vision of no less than 20/40 in one eye, 20/50 uncorrected, both eyes to be corrected to 20/20. They must have no color deficiency whatever.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation undergo a rigorous training program. All newly appointed Special Agents in the Federal Bureau of Investigation attend training classes for a period of sixteen weeks; the hours of training are from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, which course of study is equivalent to two full years of college study. During this period of training, they are thoroughly instructed in the basic rules and regulations and jurisdictions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They must satisfactorily pass numerous written examinations during their period of training. If a trainee fails to pass any of these examinations, he is dropped from the school.

The duties of a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are most arduous. They must be available at a moment's notice to go to any part of the United States or to any assignment outside the United States. The hours of duty for these employees are such that they must be in excellent physical health. The average work week for a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is no less than seventy hours. The work of a Special Agent, regardless of his particular qualification, is such that he cannot lead a sedentary or well regulated life. Due to the small number of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation presently handling the work under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation within and without the continental United States, it is necessary that the entire staff be highly mobile.

Special Agents are required to be able to conduct investigations in more than 100 types of cases, including espionage, sabotage, subversive activities, frauds against the government, kidnaping, extortion, bank robbery, White Slave

Traffic Act, etc. They are trained in and required to maintain constant skill in the use of highly technical equipment, technical processes, such as those necessary for the development of latent fingerprints, concealed or obliterated numbers upon firearms, to understand the use of code messages, to conduct physical surveillances of subjects of espionage and similar cases, sometimes for periods of many months, and when necessary, to assume a necessary character to enable them to fit in an undercover capacity into the activities and operations of groups such as foreign agents, who are engaged in thwarting the war effort.

The arduousness and importance of the work of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was readily recognized by the military and naval leaders. The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, for the Secretary of the Navy, requested Special Agent employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to submit their resignations from reserve commissions held by them in the naval services because it had been determined that those Special Agents could better serve their country in their present assignments than if they were to be called into active naval service. The Secretary of War, in 1942, addressed personal communications to 168 Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who at that time held reserve commissions in the Army. The Secretary of War at that time advised the Special Agent that their employment in the FBI is of such vital importance to the national defense as to necessitate their remaining at their posts of duty despite the fact that they held reserve commissions in the United States Army, and the request was made that these Agents, through the proper channels, submit their resignations from their commissions.

General Lewis B. Hershey of the Selective Service System pointed out in his Directive to all Local Boards of December 29, 1941, that Special Agent positions of the FBI were most important and essential to the national health, safety, and interests, and that the national defense functions of the FBI should not be impaired by the removal of trained personnel from critical positions in the Bureau.

The position of Special Agent has always been considered the most critical of all positions in the FBI, since, with the tremendous bulk of work placed upon us due to the war emergency, it is essential that a trained qualified staff be available for the handling of this work. If the Federal Bureau of Investigation cannot continue to retain its personnel in this critical position, aid and comfort would most certainly be given to the enemy and others whose interests are inimical to the best interests of the country today.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of March 1949

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Notary Public

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco 4, California  
March 30, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a statement from Dr. DON G. GARDNER to the effect that Agent VELDE has recovered from Scarletina, and is no longer infectious.

Very truly yours,

*L. Pieper*  
N. L. PIEPER  
SAC

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(DON G. GARDNER, M. D. )

SUITE 840

FOUR-FIFTY BUTTER STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO

March 27, 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Mr. Harold Velde, has been confined to his home, under my care, suffering from Scarletina. He was treated with Sulfathiazole and the infectious stage is over.

Mr. Velde will be able to return to work as of March 27th.

Very truly yours,

DGG:YR

Don G. Gardner  
Don G. Gardner, M. D.

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sent 4/1/44*

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4/19/44*





**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund subsequent to April 15, 1944, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Olive Pfander Velde Address 2301 Pacific St San Francisco  
Relationship Wife Dated 3-29-44 Calif.

Very truly yours,

Harold H. Velde  
Special Agent

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ANNUAL  
REPORT OF  
EFFICIENCY RATING

Form approved  
Budget Bureau No. 60-R012.  
Approval expires Mar. 30, 1945.

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ( )  
OFFICIAL: ( )  
REGULAR ( V ) SPECIAL  
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ( )

As of 3-31-44 based on performance during period from 4-1-43 to 3-31-44

HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE

(Name of employee)

SPECIAL AGENT (CAF 10) 3520

(Title of position, service, and grade)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input type="checkbox"/> All others <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? <u>                    </u> )<br>(Yes or no) |  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (18) Resourcefulness.   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (19) Dependability.   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (20) Physical fitness for the work.   |  |

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

Ability to direct and lead raids

☒ (A) and dangerous assignments

☐ (B)

☐ (C)

STANDARD

Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form

Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks

Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks

Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks

Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks

Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements

Excellent

Very good

Good

Fair

Unsatisfactory

Adjective rating

VERY GOOD

Rated by [Signature]

(Signature of rating official)

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

(Signature)

Reviewed by [Signature]

(Signature of reviewing official)

Bureau of Investigation

(Title)

3-31-44

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(Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee

(Date)

Report to employee

(Adjective rating)

### **Appeal Procedure**

Any person entitled to do so may take an appeal to the board of appeal within 10 days after the above date of mailing of Notice of Classification to registrant in either of the following ways:

- (1) By filing with the local board a written notice of appeal. Such notice need not be in any particular form but must state the name of the registrant and the name and identity of the person appealing so as to show the right of appeal.
- (2) By signing the "Appeal to Board of Appeal" on the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40).

The person appealing may attach to his notice of appeal or to the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40) a statement specifying the respects in which he believes the local board erred, may direct attention to any information in the registrant's file which he believes the local board has failed to consider or give sufficient weight, and may set out in full any information which was offered to the local board and which the local board failed or refused to include in the registrant's file.

Appeal to the President from classification by the board of appeal may be taken at any time within 10 days after the date of mailing of notice to registrant, provided the registrant was classified by the board of appeal in either Class I-A, Class I-A-O, or Class IV-E and one or more members of the board of appeal dissented from such classification. Otherwise, the decision of the board of appeal is final except when an appeal is taken to the President either by the State Director of Selective Service or the Director of Selective Service on the ground that he deems it to be in the national interest or necessary to avoid an injustice.

11-16-42

San Francisco, California  
March 31, 1944

ADDENDUM:

Re: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
Special Agent

Agent VELDE dresses neatly and makes a good personal appearance. He has a rather quiet personality, but is friendly, pleasant, has an average amount of cheerfulness, is compatible, and works well with his fellow employees. VELDE conveys a serious, businesslike manner and appears steady. I would rate his ability to get information from reluctant persons as average. He appears to have a good knowledge of his duties and to make good application of his training. He has so far indicated that he possesses good judgment and has been alert; in addition, he has indicated that he possesses initiative, resourcefulness, and willingness to accept responsibility. He has a sufficient amount of force and aggressiveness to handle his assignments in a proper manner. Agent VELDE's attitude has been good. He has been cooperative, thoughtful, interested in his work, and anxious to improve himself. There appears to be no question as to his loyalty and he has volunteered for extra duty assignments.

Agent VELDE operates an automobile well and makes better than average use of the typewriter; he does not take shorthand. He is qualified in the use of Bureau camera equipment. He has spent only two days in the operation of a technical surveillance, but it is noted that he has some proficiency as a Junior Radio Engineer and seems to be above average in technical work when compared with the ordinary Bureau agent who has not received special training. VELDE has likewise been used on physical surveillances at times. He is rated as average in his ability to dictate, and the same is true with respect to the quality and quantity of his work. I believe he could be utilized, under proper supervision, on a limited dangerous assignment. His ability in contacting law enforcement officials and business executives is regarded as average. He organizes his work satisfactorily and has shown also that he can initiate his own investigations. He requires average supervision at the present time.

When first reporting to the San Francisco Field Division in June 1943, VELDE was assigned to the investigation of Selective Service matters and he performed this work in competent fashion. It is further noted that during his handling of routine Selective Service matters, he came into the possession of information which resulted in the solving of an aggravated burglary case in Oakland, California, involving some \$5,000. VELDE appeared as a witness in the State case and as a result

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of this, a very complimentary letter concerning his services and his ability as a witness was received from the office of the District Attorney for Alameda County. VELDE subsequently was assigned to the field of Communist investigations and has been engaged in this type of activity for the past approximate three months. He has done a good job in this field also. VELDE is capable of reading the German language and understands the spoken language to some extent. He has developed some informants and has participated in agents' conferences.

Agent VELDE has not indicated that he possesses executive, administrative, or supervisory ability. I consider this agent average for those in his grade and the possibilities for his further development to be very good. At the present time his rating is VERY GOOD.

NJLP:emb

*N. J. L. Pieper*  
N. J. L. Pieper,  
SAC *NJP*

*W. H. H.*

SPECIAL AGENTS' ABILITY TO DICTATE

INSPECTOR [REDACTED] *b6, b7c*

The following reflects the ability of the Special Agents of the San Francisco Office to dictate, as rated by the stenographic personnel of that office:

With respect to those agents who are rated as lacking adequate ability to dictate, you should discuss this matter with the stenographic supervisor in an effort to determine definitely the deficiencies of the Special Agents in their ability to dictate. These deficiencies should, of course, in turn be discussed with the Special Agents concerned in order to enable them to improve themselves in this respect.

*1944*

INSPECTION REPORT  
San Francisco Office  
February 15, 1944

[REDACTED] *b6, b7c*

*(Handwritten signature)*



Name

HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE

SPECIAL AGENT

Reported on Duty

February 18, 1944

Reported on Duty

February 18, 1944

Office of Preference

(1) Springfield (2) Chicago (3) St. Louis

Manual Examination

Examination Set No. 6 - 91 1/2

COMMENTS BY SAC PIEPER:

Tall; mature, businesslike appearance; rather blunt and outspoken; average personality; makes satisfactory impression. Has evidenced alertness and ordinarily exercises good judgment. Average agent and is developing. Will never be very heavy and doesn't appear to possess any qualities of leadership.

RATING:

GOOD.

COMMENTS BY INSPECTOR

[REDACTED] b6, b7C

This agent is married and has two children. He creates a very fine first impression and seems to be quite satisfactory as an agent. It is possible, however, that he lacks in judgment in that he seemed to be worried about how to handle given situations and wanted certain rules to follow rather than being able to figure the things out for himself.

RATING:

GOOD.

February 21, 1944

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b6, b7C

AGENT

RATING

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Good

Very good

Excellent

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Very good

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Very good

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W. J. H. H.  
in Telephone Office  
January 15, 1944

John Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department  
of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

App. Not Req.



Local Board No. 1	61
Wazewell County	179
	001
County Court House Pekin, Illinois	

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

MAY 16 1944

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Harold

(First name)

Himmel

(Middle name)

Voldo

(Last name)

Order No. 3327 has been classified in Class

until Oct. 3, 1944  
(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_).

☐ President. *Noted*

DSS Form 59  
(Revised 12-10-43)

(See other side)

(Member or clerk of local board)

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington 25, D. C.**

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Communications Section

NAME: HAROLD H. VELDE  
OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT:  
SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request, I am forwarding the following information relative to my radio telegraph experience and ability:

Send Radio telegraphic code at 20 words per minute.

Receive radio telegraphic code at 13 words per minute.

Present typing speed 50 words per minute.

I have attended the following schools in radio telegraphy, radio maintenance, or radio engineering:

Electrical courses at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.,  
Bradley College, Peoria, Ill.

I have held the following Radio Operator's licenses: (State  
dates obtained and expiration dates)

Amateur license W9SFS since 1934

Last license issued 11-28-40, expired 12-28-43

I am able to maintain radio transmitters up to 1000 watts.

My previous radio telegraph experience has consisted of: (State whether commercial or amateur and set out approximate dates, also include size of transmitters at station and whether work included tuning and/or maintenance)

Amateur 80 meter code, 50 watt, 1934 -1936

Amateur 160 meter phone 100 watts, 1934-1937

Amateur 10 meter phone, 400 watts, 1939-1942

Amateur 2½ and 5 meter phone and CW, 5-50 watts, 1940-1941

Built, tuned and maintained all transmitters.



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My best code sending and receiving speed was 20 words  
per minute in 1936 (state year).

Other radio ability, experience, or training:

Taught radio and electricity, Hillsdale High School, Hillsdale, Ill.  
from 1933 to 1935

Radio repair shop, Champaign, Illinois, 1936-1937

U.S. ARMY Signal Corp, Electronics Training, Chicago, Illinois, 1942

Martial Status: Married

Number of children: 2

Languages: (Show proficiency)

German--Fair in speaking and reading

Very truly yours,

HAROLD H. VELDE

*Harold H. Velde*  
Special Agent



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

LAH:FMH

TO : CLYDE A. TOLSON

FROM : H. H. CLEGG

SUBJECT:

DATE: June 10, 1944

SPECIAL AGENT HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE  
FROM 5/22/44 TO 6/3/44  
EOD - 11/16/42  
GRADE - CAF 10  
SALARY - \$3500  
ASSIGNED TO - San Francisco

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AFFORDED: No

GRADES ATTAINED:

b2 NOTEBOOK  
WRITTEN EXAMINATION

b7c HIP SHOOTING  
PRACTICAL PISTOL COURSE  
b6 SHOTGUN  
.30 RIFLE  
MACHINE GUN  
GENERAL FIREARMS ABILITY

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT QUALIFICATIONS:

Excellent

REMARKS: Interviewing official - [REDACTED]

This Agent makes a good personal appearance. He is of large build and the athletic looking type. Velde has a good, friendly personality. He appears to have sufficient confidence in himself and to be generally aggressive. This Agent advised that he was working for several months on investigations involving individual members of the Communist Party and for the past two months he has been assigned to a technical and microphone surveillance involving members of that group. Velde stated that he is extremely interested in this type of work.

Velde had no personal problems to discuss. He made no suggestions.

No supervisory ability was noted at this time.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND TESTIFYING IN COURT  
(Based on 5-minute speech and interrogation.)

APPEARANCE: Very goodDELIVERY: GoodSUBJECT MATTER: Good

APPRAISAL OF QUALIFICATIONS:

A. Bureau Speaker

1. Fully qualified

2. Potential ability x

3. Not qualified

B. Police Instructor

1. Fully qualified

2. Potential ability x

3. Not qualified

C. Ability under cross examination Good

REMARKS:

Needs a little more poise. Is sincere in approach and has a good vocabulary.

AUDITOR: [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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June 13, 1944

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SAC, San Francisco

RE: HAROLD H. VELLE  
SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

The above-named Special Agent attended an In-Service training course at the Seat of Government from May 22 to June 3, 1944.

He attained the following grades:

Notebook  
Written Examination  
Technical Equipment Qualifications

Hip Shooting  
Practical Pistol Course  
Shotgun  
.30 Rifle  
Machine Gun

The firearms grades should be entered on the individual field firearms training record card.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED  
JUN 14 1944  
cc: Harold H. Velle  
San Francisco



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund subsequent to August 31, 1944, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Olive P. Velde Address 2301 Pacific Ave. San Francisco  
Relationship wife Dated 8-14-44

Very truly yours,

Harold H. Velde  
Special Agent

*Ack 8-25-44  
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mbb*

*AUG 29 1944*

HAROLD HENRI WILDL

ASSIGNED TO:  
San Francisco, California

5327

34 (April 1, 1910)

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Tasewell

Pekin

Illinois

OCCUPATION: The above-named registrant is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and holds a key position within the meaning of Executive Order 9309.

It is requested that the above-named registrant, who is employed by an agency in or under the Federal Government, be classified in Class II-A or Class II-B by reason of the fact that he is regularly engaged in an activity in support of the national health, safety, or interest, or an activity in war production, and is 30 years of age or over; or has been found disqualified for any military service; or qualified for limited military service only.

Registrant's status:

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Registrant has reached his 30th birthday

☐ Registrant has been found disqualified for any military service

☐ Registrant has been found qualified for limited military service only

Agency Stamp:

U. S. D.

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SEP 1 1944

8-31-44

Date

Clyde A. Tolson, Chairman

J. Edgar Hoover

Washington, D. C.

SEP 1 1944  
August

Notary Public

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 31 1944 P.M.

Review Committee, War Manpower Commission  
San Francisco

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NAME: VELDE, HAROLD HINCKEL  
TITLE: SPECIAL AGENT  
ENTERED ON DUTY: 11/16/42 SALARY: CAF 10, \$3500  
OFFICES OF PREFERENCE: Springfield

SAC PIEPER:

VELDE did general investigative case work on the Communist Squad when he was first assigned and did a good job. He has since been re-assigned to a technical surveillance where he has performed in very good fashion. He appears to have a very good knowledge of his duties. VELDE has an average personality and presents an average, quiet personal appearance. He is lacking in an outward demonstration of enthusiasm but I believe that he makes up for this in the actual interest that he has in his work and the fact that he applies himself well. He has had some experience in the field of radio and sound and performs duties here capably.

VELDE needs more experience before being considered an all-around agent but I believe he could be used on a dangerous assignment. He has thus far shown very good judgment and needs average supervision. He is in Grade CAF-10 and I consider his present rating as an agent to be Very Good.

Inspection Report  
San Francisco Field Division  
August 26, 1944  
SAC E. J. L. PIEPER

*W*  
1944



Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco 4, California  
August 30, 1944

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Re: SPECIAL AGENTS FOR SIS ASSIGNMENTS

Supplementing my letter of August 19, 1944, the following Agents have requested to be considered for SIS assignments: [REDACTED] and HAROLD H. VELDE.

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HAROLD H. VELDE has a satisfactory general appearance. He is tall, and weighs 200 pounds. He dresses neatly, in tidy and presents a mature appearance. He has average ability to work without supervision. I do not think he is formal enough to properly meet high-ranking officials, however, he could conduct himself properly at formal affairs. He is a little weak in his ability to make contacts and develop informants. He has average ability of expression. He is amenable to discipline. He could orient himself. He

Director - 8/30/44 - Page 2

has had three years of German in college. He states he is able to construct, operate and maintain radio transmitters and receivers. He advised that he has distant relatives and acquaintances who would be reliable sources of information in Germany. He states he would prefer assignment in South America or Germany. He is married and has two children. His health is good. I believe this Agent might function satisfactorily on certain types of foreign assignment, under supervision.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIEPER  
SAC

NJL:FL

# CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

Ann. Not. 11-1



Local Board No. 1	61
Casewell County	179
	001
County Court House	
Pekin, Illinois	

OCT 4 1944

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

You are advised that—

Order No. 3327 Harold Himmel Valde  
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)  
 has been classified in Class 3

until April 2 19 45  
(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ President.

DSS Form 58  
 (Revised 12-10-43)

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 Searched.....Checked.....  
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 4 OCT 10 1944

(Signature of clerk of local board) (Date)

### Appeal Procedure

Any person entitled to do so may take an appeal to the board of appeal within 10 days after the above date of mailing of Notice of Classification to registrant in either of the following ways:

- (1) By filing with the local board a written notice of appeal. Such notice need not be in any particular form but must state the name of the registrant and the name and identity of the person appealing so as to show the right of appeal.
- (2) By signing the "Appeal to Board of Appeal" on the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40).

The person appealing may attach to his notice of appeal or to the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40) a statement specifying the respects in which he believes the local board erred, may direct attention to any information in the registrant's file which he believes the local board has failed to consider or give sufficient weight, and may set out in full any information which was offered to the local board and which the local board failed or refused to include in the registrant's file.

Appeal to the President from classification by the board of appeal may be taken at any time within 10 days after the date of mailing of notice to registrant, provided the registrant was classified by the board of appeal in either Class I-A, Class I-A-O, or Class IV-E and one or more members of the board of appeal dissented from such classification. Otherwise, the decision of the board of appeal is final except when an appeal is taken to the President either by the State Director of Selective Service or the Director of Selective Service on the ground that he deems it to be in the national interest or necessary to avoid an injustice.

San Francisco, California  
November 22, 1944

MEMO, FILE

RE: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE, Special Agent  
TESTIFYING IN MOOT COURT

The above Agent testified in moot court on November 17, 1944. Agent VELDE was very well prepared and exhibited a thorough knowledge of the facts of his case.

Agent VELDE made a very good appearance, was forceful, and testified in a clear and convincing manner. He was alert and handled himself very competently on cross-examination.

RATING: Excellent

N. J. L. PIEPER  
SAC

FWM:SSH

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October 31, 1944

PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Harold H. Valde  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Room 1729  
One Eleven Sutter Building  
San Francisco 4, California

DECLASSIFIED BY SPS/KEJ  
ON 9-22-99  
#442816

Dear Mr. Valde:

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of the physical examination afforded you at the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, on October 19, 1944.

This report reflects the following physical defects:

None.

The Board of Examining Physicians makes the following recommendations:

Vaccination for smallpox.  
Inoculation for typhoid.  
Inoculation for tetanus.

It reports that you are capable of performing strenuous physical exertion, and have no physical defects that would interfere with your participation in raids or other work involving the practical use of firearms.

Sincerely yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

OCT 31 1944

CC: SAC San Francisco

NOV 1 1944

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U. S. Department of Justice  
F.B.I. Regional Agency Committee  
U.S. Dept. of Justice Bldg.  
Washington, D. C.

# CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

App. Not Req.

Local Board No. 1	61
Tazewell County	179
	001
County Court House Peekin, Illinois	

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)



NOV 17 1944

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Harold  
(First name)

Himmel  
(Middle name)

Velde  
(Last name)

Order No. 3327 has been classified in Class 1-C Disc. 8

until \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_  
(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only) - -

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_)

☒ President.

DSS Form 59  
(Revised 12-10-43)

(See other side)

(Member or clerk of local board)

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### **Appeal Procedure**

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ON 9-22-99  
#442816

November 18, 1944

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PERSONAL AND ~~STRICTLY~~ CONFIDENTIAL

SAC, San Francisco

RE: Bureau Sound and Lock Training given  
Special Agent H. H. Velde

Dear Sir:

The above-named employee has received special training in:

Mr. Tolson .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chamfering
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The handling of locks - good
Mr. Clegg .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sound recording and allied subjects - good

Mr. Glavin .....

Mr. Ladd .....

Mr. Nichols .....

Mr. Rosen .....

Mr. Tracy .....

Mr. Carson .....

Mr. Coffey .....

Mr. McGuire .....

Mr. Rolloman .....

Mr. Hendon .....

Mr. Quinn Tamm .....

Mr. Nease .....

Miss Gandy .....

This information is being furnished you in order that you will be aware of the presence of such a specially qualified Agent in your office. You will thus be able to utilize his special ability.

This letter should be placed in his personnel file.

Very truly yours

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOV 18 1944 P.M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to February 10, 1945, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

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Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name OLIVE VELDE Address 2301 PACIFIC S.E.  
Relationship wife Dated 2-2-45

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name Same as above Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*ack 2/8/45 [initials]*  
Harold S. Gelde  
Special Agent



11-16-42

San Francisco, California  
January 29, 1945

ADDENDUM:

RE: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT

The attached communication constitutes a special efficiency report on the above agent, according to Bureau letter of January 18, 1945.

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Agent VELDE is neat in his dress and he presents a good personal appearance. He has a friendly, pleasant, though somewhat reserved personality and gets along well with his fellow employees. Agent VELDE has a good approach and conveys a serious, businesslike impression. I would judge his ability to secure information from recalcitrant persons as above average. He has a very good knowledge of his duties and makes good application of his training. He has shown good judgment and is alert and self-reliant. He has indicated that he possesses initiative and resourcefulness as well as a sufficient amount of force and aggressiveness to properly handle his assignments. He has exhibited an excellent attitude, is thoroughly cooperative, thoughtful, interested in his work, and anxious to improve himself. There appears to be no question as to his loyalty to the Bureau, and he has volunteered for extra duty assignments. Agent VELDE appears to be physically fit for the performance of his duties.

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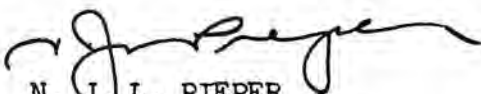
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Agent VELDE maintains his desk and file drawer in a neat and orderly manner. He is a competent automobile driver, and is above average in his use of the typewriter, but does not understand shorthand. He is above average in his understanding and use of the Bureau's camera equipment and it is noted that he has voluntarily attended photography classes on his own time to improve himself. He has operated a technical surveillance in excellent fashion but has not maintained a physical surveillance. He is rated as a very good dictator and his work, both in quality and quantity, has been above average. He has testified in moot court in the San Francisco Office, for which he received a rating of Excellent. I believe Agent VELDE could readily be used on a dangerous assignment. I judge his ability to handle contacts of law enforcement officials and business executives as a little above average, and he has shown that he can organize and initiate his own investigations. He requires less than average supervision and can perform investigative work of a fairly involved nature.

cons. 1/22/45

During the period covered by this report, Agent VELDE has been utilized on a technical surveillance, where he has done excellent work. It is noted that he has received the Bureau's sound training course as well as the lock course, and has been rated as Good. In addition, he has the ability to construct, operate, and maintain radio transmitters and receivers, and he has knowledge of other forms of communication. In view of his additional background knowledge of sound matters, I consider him to be above average in this field. He has no proficiency in a foreign language but it is noted that he has three years of collegiate study of German to his credit. At the present time, Agent VELDE is spending the majority of his time in assisting in the maintenance of the technical equipment and installations, and is being used for obtaining of information from highly confidential sources in connection with the Comrap investigation. He has done some very good work in this connection. Agent VELDE has participated in agents' conferences and submitted new ideas.

Agent VELDE is a dependable, reliable, and competent investigator of above average ability. He has not exhibited any executive, administrative, or supervisory ability but he may develop these qualities with more time. He is making very good progress and the possibilities for his further development are very good. At the present time I believe he is entitled to a rating of Very Good in Grade CAF 10.

  
N. J. L. PIEPER  
Special Agent in Charge

RLK/jo

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# REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

REGULAR ( ) ; INTERIM ( )  
PROBATIONARY—1ST ( )

Classification Symbols		
CAF	10	\$3500
(Service)	(Grade)	(Class)

As of January 27, 1945 based on performance during period from March 31, 1944 to January 27, 1945

HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
(Name of employee)

Special Agent  
(Title of position)

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(Bureau)

U. S. Department of Justice  
(Division)

(Section)

(Subsection or unit)

San Francisco, California  
(Field office)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 2. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning employees on all elements pertinent to the position whether in <i>italics</i> or not. 3. Before rating, become thoroughly familiar with instructions in the rating manual.	CHECK ONE:  Administrative, supervisory, or planning _____ <input type="checkbox"/> All others _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if adequate <input type="checkbox"/> if weak <input type="checkbox"/> if outstanding		

- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.
- (2) Mechanical skill.
- (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
- (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
- (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
- (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
- (7) Accuracy of operations.
- (8) Accuracy of final results.
- (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
- (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
- (11) Industry.
- (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
- (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? \_\_\_\_\_) (Yes or no)
- (14) Ability to organize his work.
- (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.
- (16) Cooperativeness.
- (17) Initiative.
- (18) Resourcefulness.
- (19) Dependability.
- (20) Physical fitness for the work.

- (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.
- (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.
- (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.
- (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.
- (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
- (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
- (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
- (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
- (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
- (30) Ability to make decisions.
- (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

## STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- (A) \_\_\_\_\_
- (B) \_\_\_\_\_
- (C) \_\_\_\_\_

STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form	Rating		Rating official	Adjective rating	Numerical rating
	Adjective rating	Numerical rating			
All underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Excellent	1	Rating official	VERY GOOD	
A majority of underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Very good	2 or 3			
All underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks fully compensated by plus marks, or a majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks on underlined elements over-compensated by plus marks on underlined elements	Good	4, 5, or 6	Reviewing official		
A majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks not fully compensated by plus marks	Fair	7 or 8			
A majority of underlined elements marked minus	Unsatisfactory	9			

On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? Yes (See back of form)  
(Yes or no)

Rated by [Signature] Special Agent in Charge January 29, 1945  
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee \_\_\_\_\_ Report to employee \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Adjective rating) (Numerical rating)

H.A.V.  
15-20177-1

## CONDUCT REPORT

(This space is to be used in case the question on the face of the sheet regarding the employee's conduct has been answered "No." In such a case give here a full statement of the particulars in which the employee's conduct has not been satisfactory.)

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(Signature)

## EXPLANATION OF DEVIATIONS FROM STANDARD

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(Signature)

January 18, 1945

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Special Agent in Charge  
San Francisco

DECLASSIFIED BY SP5JL/SET  
ON 9-22-99  
#442816

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to submit, to arrive at the Bureau not later than **January 29, 1945** special efficiency reports relative to the Agent personnel listed below:

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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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JAN 20 1945



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

SE:MM

TO

Mr. Glavin

DATE

FROM

J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT

HAROLD H. VELDE  
Special Agent  
San Francisco Field Division

RE: REALLOCATION

Agent Velde entered on duty 11/16/42, was reallocated to CAF-10, \$3500 on 10/16/43, and is now being considered for reallocation to CAF-11, \$3800 per annum.

Efficiency report submitted 1/29/45 - VERY GOOD.

A permanent brief of his file is attached.

RECOMMENDATION: That he be reallocated to Grade CAF-11, \$3800 per annum.

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Searched, Checked

Numbered, Indexed

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February 28, 1945

Mr. Harold H. Velds  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
One Eleven Sutter Building, Room 1739  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Velds:

I am indeed pleased to advise you that you have been recommended for promotion from the position of Special Agent, Grade CAF 10, \$3500 per annum, to the position of Special Agent, Grade CAF 11, \$3800 per annum, effective March 1, 1945.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

CC: SAC, San Francisco

CC: [REDACTED]

CC: CCO: Selective Service

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

cc: [REDACTED]

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Mr.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Prepared by: [Signature]

Checked by: [Signature]

Filed by: [Signature]

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Harold V. Veldo

February 26, 1945

New appointment ☐ Transfer ☐ Promotion ☒ Separation ☐

PRESENT STATUS

- |              |                  |                        |  |
|--------------|------------------|------------------------|--|
| 1. Title:    | Special Agent    | 2. Grade:              | CAT 10   |
| 3. Salary:   | \$3500 per annum | 4. Seat of Government: | <input type="checkbox"/>                           |
|              |                  | Field:                 | <input type="checkbox"/>                           |
| 5. Division: |                  | 6. Appropriation:      | *Salaries and Expenses, FBI*<br>(National Defense) |

PROPOSED ACTION

- |                |                  |                         |  |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 7. Title:      | Special Agent    | 8. Grade:               |  |
| 9. Salary:     | \$2800 per annum | 10. Seat of Government: | CAT 11 <input type="checkbox"/>  |
|                |                  | Field:                  | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 11. Division:  |                  | 12. Appropriation:      | *Salaries and Expenses, FBI*<br>(National Defense)   |
| 13. Effective: | March 1, 1945    | 14. Position:           | Additional: <input type="checkbox"/> b7C, b6<br>Vice: <input type="checkbox"/><br>Identical: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transferred<br>2-1-45 |
| 15. Remarks:   |                  |                         |  |

Respectfully submitted,

(Title)

CC: CCO: Selective Service

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FOR O.P.F.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Date: February 28, 1945

Name: MR. HAROLD H. VELDE

You are advised of the following action concerning your employment in the Department of Justice:

Nature of Action: PROMOTION

Effective: March 1, 1945

	FROM	TO
POSITION	Special Agent	Special Agent
GRADE SALARY	CAF 10 \$3500	CAF 11 \$3800
BUREAU OR DIVISION		
HEADQUARTERS		
APPROPRIATION	S&E, FBI, NATL. DEF.	S&E, FBI, NATL. DEF.
DEPARTMENTAL OR FIELD	Field	Field

REMARKS:

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FOR O.P.E.

By direction of the Attorney General.

New appointees must take oath of office, enter on duty  
and execute necessary appointment papers before any  
payment of salary can be made.

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ANNUAL  
REPORT OF  
EFFICIENCY RATING

Form approved  
Budget Bureau No. 50-R012.  
Approval expires Mar. 30, 1945.

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ( )  
OFFICIAL: ( )  
REGULAR ( X ) SPECIAL ( )  
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ( )

As of March 31, 1945 based on performance during period from April 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945

HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
(Name of employee)

Special Agent CAF 11  
(Title of position, service, and grade)

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input type="checkbox"/> All others <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
✓ if adequate		
- if weak		
+ if outstanding		

- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.  
(2) Mechanical skill.  
(3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.  
(4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).  
(5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.  
(6) Attention to pertinent detail.  
(7) Accuracy of operations.  
(8) Accuracy of final results.  
(9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.  
(10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.  
(11) Industry.  
(12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.  
(13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? (Yes or no))  
(14) Ability to organize his work.  
(15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.  
(16) Cooperativeness.  
(17) Initiative.  
(18) Resourcefulness.  
(19) Dependability.  
(20) Physical fitness for the work.

- (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.  
(22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.  
(23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.  
(24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.  
(25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.  
(26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.  
(27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.  
(28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.  
(29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.  
(30) Ability to make decisions.  
(31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- ✓ (A) Ability to direct and lead a group of agents on raids and dangerous assignments  
(B)  
(C)

STANDARD

Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form

Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks  
Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks  
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks  
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks  
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements

Adjective rating  
Excellent  
Very good  
Good  
Fair  
Unsatisfactory

Adjective rating  
VERY GOOD  
Rating official  
Reviewing official

(Employee's initials)  
HNV

Rated by [Signature] Special Agent in Charge March 31, 1945  
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by [Signature] Assistant Director, 4-23-45  
(Signature of reviewing official) Federal Bureau of Investigation (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee \_\_\_\_\_ Report to employee \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Adjective rating)

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San Francisco, California  
March 31, 1945

ADDENDUM:

Re: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT

The attached communication constitutes the annual efficiency rating of the above-named Special Agent.

3-1-45 inf. 11 3800  
Agent VELDE is neat in his dress, and he makes a very good personal appearance. He is somewhat quiet and reserved but has a pleasant, cheerful personality, is energetic, and gets along well with his fellow employees. He has a very good approach, is easy in his manner, well poised, and conveys a serious, businesslike, confident impression. He has demonstrated that he possesses a very good knowledge of his duties and makes application of his training. He has shown good judgment and is alert and self-reliant. He has indicated that he possesses initiative and resourcefulness and has the ability to think out his own problems. He has a sufficient amount of force and aggressiveness to properly handle his assignments. Agent VELDE has demonstrated a very good attitude, is very cooperative, thoughtful, and interested in work. There is no question as to his loyalty to the Bureau, and it is noted that he has volunteered for extra duty assignments. He appears to be physically fit for the performance of his duties.

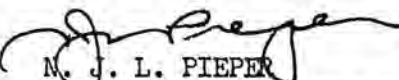
Agent VELDE maintains his desk and file drawer neatly and in order. He is a good automobile driver, is better than average in his use of the typewriter, but does not take shorthand. He has better than average ability in the use of the Bureau's camera equipment, and it is noted that he has voluntarily attended photography classes on his own time. He has operated on both technical and physical surveillances and has done a very good, workmanlike job. He has utilized pretexts and can handle contacts of a relatively delicate nature. He is somewhat better than average in dictation, and the quality and quantity of his work are in the same category. He has testified in moot court and has received a rating of excellent as a witness. Due to his demeanor, I believe he could be utilized on a dangerous assignment. He is capable of favorably impressing law enforcement officials and business executives in his contacts with them and has demonstrated an ability to organize and initiate investigations and to plan his own work. He can handle assignments of a complex nature and requires somewhat less than average supervision.

During the period covered herein, Agent VELDE has been assigned to the Communist squad and has done a variety of work. He has engaged in the general investigation of individual Communist Political Association members, and he has spent several months in the full-time operation of a

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technical surveillance. At the present time he is assigned to maintenance and installation work in connection with technical surveillances on the Communist squad, and his services have been highly satisfactory. It is noted that he has received the Bureau's sound training course as well as the lock course and in addition, he has prior knowledge of radio and has the ability to construct, operate and maintain radio transmitters and receivers, and he also has knowledge of other forms of communication. On the basis of his background as well as his current operations in this field, I regard Agent VELDE as being well above average in the sound and technical field. Agent VELDE has volunteered for several highly confidential operations involving the obtaining of information from very confidential sources and his work has contributed much of value. Agent VELDE has some knowledge of the German language largely based on three years of college study. He has functioned very adequately as a complaint man, has participated in agents' conferences and submitted new ideas.

Agent VELDE is a dependable, reliable, and competent investigator and he shows above-average ability. He has not demonstrated executive, administrative, or supervisory ability, but he has possibilities of developing along this line. He is making good progress, and his future prospects are very good. At the present time I rate him as very good in Grade CAF 11.

  
N. J. L. PIEPER  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

San Francisco, California  
March 7, 1945

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., NW  
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

Writer is in receipt of your letter of February 28, 1945  
advising of his promotion from grade CAF 10, \$3500 per annum, to  
Grade CAF 11, \$3800 per annum, effective March 1, 1945.

Writer greatly appreciates this promotion and wishes to  
assure that he will continue his best efforts to merit this salary  
and position.

Sincerely yours,

*Harold H. Velde*

Harold H. Velde,  
Special Agent

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May 5, 1945

U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission  
285 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 1, 1945, in connection with an injury sustained by Special Agent Harold H. Velde of this Bureau on December 7, 1944, while in the performance of his official duties, your file #X-60368.

There are enclosed signed statements by Agent Velde, Nurse [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] in connection with the injury sustained by Agent Velde.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



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V. A. [Signature]  
[Signature]

San Francisco, California  
April 17, 1945

MEMO, SAC

RE: HAROLD H. VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT

Reference is made to the memorandum dated April 7, 1945, prepared by Special Agent VELDE in which he points out the fact of an injury to his eye incurred during the course of repairing technical equipment.

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I recall speaking to Agent VELDE about this injury and noticing that his eye was somewhat swollen and red on or about December 8 and 9, 1944. I recall that I advised him that he should immediately seek treatment from [REDACTED] the office nurse.

Shortly after the above date, Agent VELDE advised me that it had been necessary to perform an operation on his eye and that a small piece of metal had been removed therefrom.

Agent VELDE's statement at the time as to the manner in which the injury occurred is the same as that pointed out in his memorandum, namely, that he was clipping a bolt on the top of a dry cell battery with a pair of pliers, and that while performing this act, a piece of the bolt flew off and struck him in the right eye.

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

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San Francisco, California  
April 7, 1945

Harold H. Velde, being first duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says that he is employed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with headquarters at 111 Sutter Building, Room 1729, San Francisco, California; that he has been so employed since November 16, 1942.

He further says that on the evening of December 7, 1944, he was acting under the direction of N. J. L. Pieper, Special Agent in Charge, San Francisco Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as technical adviser to a group of Special Agents who were engaged in studying and operating various technical equipment at the aforesaid building; that his duties as such adviser were being done in the regular line of duty and during the regular working hours as such Special Agent.

He further says that between 9:30 P. M. and 10:30 P. M. on said date, he had taken the various pieces of technical equipment used prior thereto to the storeroom located in the sub-basement of said building; that prior to storing said equipment, he was working on one of the pieces of equipment, attempting to repair it; that in order to repair it, it was necessary to clip the top of a bolt attached to the positive pole of an ordinary 1½ volt dry cell used in said equipment; that while so doing, he used a small metal clippers about seven inches long and exerted his full strength on the handles of these clippers while his head was in a position directly above the top of said bolt; that as the piece of bolt gave way, it flew up and hit him in the right eye, a portion thereof lodging in the eye, as was afterwards determined; that the immediate effects of this injury were to cause a sharp pain and partial temporary blindness in the right eye; that no other person was present in such basement room at the time of the accident; that after said accident, deponent stopped his work on said instrument and placed it in storage and proceeded to his home at 2315 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, California.

He further says that after arriving at his home at approximately 10:45 P. M., he advised his wife, Olive Velde, of the accident, who examined the eye in an attempt to locate a foreign particle therein; that said Olive Velde was unable to locate any foreign particle therein and applied about two drops of weak Argrol thereto. The following morning, December 8, 1944, deponent noticed that his right eye was sore but did not appear swollen, although there was some redness present; he reported for work at his place of employment and did not seek further

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medical assistance until approximately 5:30 P. M., at which time his eye began to swell, became red and discolored, and caused additional pain, at which time he attempted to obtain treatment from [redacted] office nurse, 111 Sutter Building, San Francisco, California, and said nurse, not being available at this time, he went to his home. During the evening of December 8, he applied a weak solution of boric acid water to his right eye with an eye cup about three times during the evening. The following day, deponent proceeded to his work as usual, and during the morning was working with Special Agent [redacted]. During this time, the swelling in his right eye increased, the eyelid began to close, the pain also became more severe, and deponent was unable to see anything more than a blur of light with his right eye alone. During the afternoon, at about 5:30 P. M., he was examined and treated by [redacted] said office nurse, who advised him to immediately proceed to the U. S. Marine Hospital, San Francisco, California for further examination and treatment. He arrived at the said hospital at about 7:00 P. M., and at about 7:30 P. M., an operation was performed by one Dr. [redacted] at said hospital, during which a small piece of metal was removed from deponent's right eye. Further treatment was given by said doctor and nurses at said hospital for approximately six weeks following the injury. It is deponent's belief that this injury caused a partial loss of eyesight in his right eye which persists at the present time.

Deponent did not seek medical advice immediately after said injury other than the home remedies administered since he believed that the injury was not as serious as it turned out to be and that the home remedies applied would be sufficient to cure it.

Deponent has never experienced any similar disability or symptoms prior to the date of the injury and has always had normal vision, with the exception of slight astigmatism which was completely cured more than two years prior to the injury.

Following are the names and addresses of physicians attending deponent for illnesses, listed for five years immediately preceding the eye injury:

Dr. [redacted] Medical Air Corps, U. S. Army, Hunter Field, Santa Fe, California. Injury to spine, 1939; lost lip and broken teeth, 1941.

Dr. [redacted] 1234 [redacted] San Francisco, California. Scarlet fever, 1941 (about March).

Dr. [redacted] 1234 [redacted] San Francisco, California, 1944 (about June), kidney ailment.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold H. Velde  
Harold H. Velde

AGNES M. COLE  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
in and for the City and County of San  
Francisco, State of California.

Apr. 11-1945

C O P Y

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION  
285 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, N. Y.

March 1, 1945

In reply refer to  
File X-60368

The Investigator in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
111 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case of Mr. Harold H. Velde, who allegedly was injured in the performance of duty December 7, 1944, while employed as a special agent by your establishment.

Further consideration of this case is being held in abeyance pending the submission of additional evidence indicated below:

THE EMPLOYEE SHOULD FURNISH YOUR ESTABLISHMENT WITH A SWORN STATEMENT FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE COMMISSION COVERING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. Month, date, year, and hour of injury.
2. Describe in detail how injury occurred.
3. Immediate effects and what action taken directly thereafter.
4. Were you working alone or with other employees when injured: If with other employees, give their names.
5. Nature and frequency of any home treatment given.
6. State explicitly the reason for the delay in seeking medical attention and describe your condition between date of injury and date first medical attention was received.
7. State specifically whether you ever experienced any similar disability or symptoms before the date of your injury. If so, give full details of such prior condition and state the name and address of the physician who rendered treatment, approximate dates of such treatment, and the results of such pre-existing condition.
8. Names and addresses of all physicians who have attended you for any illness or injury during five years immediately preceding

The Investigator in Charge

File No. X-60368

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your injury and describe the nature of the illness or disability and the approximate dates attended by each physician.

YOUR ESTABLISHMENT SHOULD FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. State when and how injury first came to the attention of his supervisor or immediate superior.
2. Submit any further pertinent facts which you believe may have a bearing on this claim.
3. Submit any comments you may be willing to make regarding the employee's credibility and your opinion as to the merits of this claim.
4. If at the time of injury or soon thereafter, this employee mentioned the occurrence to any of his co-workers or others, it is desired that statements be secured from them giving their knowledge of the occurrence, and when and how it was first brought to their attention.

Please have the information requested furnished at the earliest practicable date so the merits of this claim may be determined. Since the merits of this claim will be largely determined by the information furnished, it is urged that every possible effort be made to submit the information as accurately, explicitly, and in as much detail as possible, in order that the claim may be properly adjudicated. If your establishment has or can obtain any further information regarding the merits of this claim other than that already requested, please forward such additional information to the Commission.

Very truly yours,

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(signed) S. D. LOGSDON  
S. D. Logsdon,  
Chief of Section

San Francisco, California  
April 9, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

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This is to state that I, [REDACTED], employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, San Francisco, California, saw and cared for Special Agent Harold Velde on the evening of December 8, 1944, at my office, Room 501, 111 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California.

Mr. Velde related to me the history of the injury to his eye which occurred on the evening before, namely December 7, 1944. His eye was very inflamed and he apparently was in considerable discomfort and pain. I examined the eye for a foreign body but was unable to see anything but the severe inflammation which was present throughout the eye and difficult to localize to one specific point. Under my direction Mr. Velde irrigated his eye with a weak boric acid solution and I applied an ophthalmic boric ointment to the eyelids and irritated area surrounding the eye. I then advised Mr. Velde to proceed to the United States Marine hospital for proper diagnosis and treatment.

[REDACTED]  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

San Francisco 4, California  
Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
April 23, 1945

PERSONAL AND  
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Director, FBI

Re: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
Special Agent

DECLASSIFIED BY SP5JC/SEJ  
ON 9-22-99  
#442814

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto three copies of a letter dated March 1, 1945 received from the United States Employees' Compensation Commission, 285 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York, relative to the injury sustained by the above-named agent.

In accordance with the request contained therein, I am attaching herewith five copies of a sworn statement by Agent VELDE dated April 7, 1945, five copies of a memorandum submitted by [REDACTED] dated April 9, 1945, and five copies of a memorandum submitted by Agent VELDE's immediate supervisor, Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 17, 1945.

It is requested that the Bureau review same and if acceptable, forward the originals of the statement and memoranda to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission. There is no question in my mind as to the credibility of the employees submitting same.

Very truly yours,

*M. J. L. Pieper*  
M. J. L. Pieper,  
SAC

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Enclosures - 1 in triplicate  
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# OFFICIAL SUPERIOR'S REPORT OF INJURY

(To be submitted to UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION of the United States sustained while in the performance of duty which causes results in any charge against the Commission for medical expense. This form

ation, D. C., as soon as practicable after any injury to a civil employee ability for work beyond the day or shift on which the injury occurred or be accompanied by C. A. 1.)

1. Department U.S. Dept. of Justice 2. Bureau or office Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(War, Navy, etc.) (Engineer, Navigation, etc.)

3. Place of employment Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Francisco, California  
(Arsenal, navy yard, etc.) (City or town) (State)

4. Reporting office Federal Bureau of Investigation, 111 Sutter St., San Francisco  
(Location of reporting office or division headquarters)

5. Name of superintendent or foreman in charge when injury occurred W. A. P. Piper, Spec. Agt. Charge

6. Name of injured employee Harold H. Velde 7. Age 34 8. Sex Male 9. Race White  
(Give first name in full) (City or town) (State)

10. Home address 2315 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, California  
(Street and number) (City or town) (State)

11. Occupation and division Special Agent, F.B.I. 12. Was employee doing his regular work? Yes  
(Give both, as laborer, hull division; helper, machine shop, etc.) (If not, what work?)

13. Total length of service with the Government as a civilian? 2 years and 1 month

14. How long at present work in this establishment? 2 years and 1 month

15. Dates of other injuries None

16. Rate of pay on date of injury, \$ 3500 per annum {and subsistence valued at \$..... per  
and quarters valued at \$..... per

17. Employee begins work at 8:30 A.M. m. 18. Regular day's work ends 5:30 P.M. or later  
(Hour, a. m. or p. m.) (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)

19. Hours worked per day 8 or more 20. Days paid per week Six

21. Place where injury occurred F.B.I. Office, 111 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif.  
(Give exact location, as name or number of building and division, etc.)

22. Date of injury Dec. 7, 1944; day of week Thursday; hour of day 10:30 P.M.  
(a. m. or p. m.)

23. Date employee stopped work Dec. 9, 1944; day of week Saturday; hour of day 4:30 P.M.  
(a. m. or p. m.)

24. Date employee's pay stopped Dec. 9, 1944; day of week Saturday; hour of day 4:30 P.M.  
(a. m. or p. m.)

25. Has employee returned to work? Yes  
(Give date and hour)

26. Will employee receive pay for any portion of above absence on account of:  
(a) Annual leave Yes (Give exact dates)  
(b) Sick leave Yes (Give exact dates)  
(c) Any other reason Yes (Give exact dates)

27. Describe in full how injury occurred  
Agent Velde was clipping a piece of metal on Bureau technical equipment, with a metal clipper. A piece of brass broke off, and hit agent in the right eye.

28. State part of body injured and nature and extent of injury Right eye, Piece of metal pierced cornea of right eye and lodged there. Surgeon advises may be necessary to wear glasses permanently, as vision may not fully be restored.

29. Did injury cause loss of any member or part of member? Yes If so, describe exactly  
May be partial loss of vision, as described above.

30. Was employee injured while in performance of duty? Yes If not, or in doubt, give detailed statement

31. Was injury caused by:  
(a) Willful misconduct of the employee? No (b) Intention of employee to bring about injury or death of himself or another? No (c) Employee's intoxication? No  
(If any answers to these questions are made in the affirmative, the reporting officer should attach an additional statement giving the reason for his conclusion)

32. Was written notice of injury given within 48 hours? Yes If not, did immediate superior have actual knowledge of injury? Yes  
(Answer to question 3, Form C. A. 1, must be complete if notice was not given within 48 hours)

33. Names and addresses of witnesses to injury  
None

34. Was injury caused by a third party other than a Government employee or agency? No If so, has employee been instructed in procedure under Commission's regulations?  
(A detailed statement should be forwarded with this report)

## STATEMENT OF WITNESSES

[The statement of witness should tell just what the witness saw personally, or, if he did not see the injury occur, just what he knows about it and when and by whom the information was given.]

Signed this ..... day of ....., 19.....

(Signature of witness)

Signed this ..... day of ....., 19.....

(Signature of witness)

### STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER OR PHYSICIAN WHO FIRST EXAMINED CASE

This is to certify that

~~X~~ ~~CERTIFY THAT~~ Harold H. Velde (Name of employee) was given first-aid treatment, or examined, on Dec. 9, 1944 at 6:25 pm and was disabled for work. Probable length of disability will be no longer after December 11, 1944 (Was or was not) due to injury on 12-7-44 considered fit for duty beg. 12-12-44 was (Was or was not)

Nature of injury as found on examination Wound, lacerated, right eye  
Foreign body, right cornea

Hospitalized yes, 12-9-44 to 12-11-44 Will return for further treatment prob. will

Discharged not yet Other disposition

Remarks ent-rest. trt. beg. 12-15-44

EMPLOYEE'S NOTICE OF INJURY AND ORIGINAL CLAIM FOR  
COMPENSATION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

(To be submitted to the official superior by every employee injured in the performance of his duty, or some one on his behalf, within forty-eight hours after the injury. This notice shall be given by delivering it personally to the official superior or by depositing it in the mail properly stamped and addressed to the official superior. It should be retained by the official superior unless the injury causes disability for work beyond the day or shift in which the injury occurred, or results in any charge against the Commission for medical expense, when it should be forwarded to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission with report of injury, Form C. A. 2.)

San Francisco Calif.  
(City or town) (State)

111 Sutter St  
(Street and number)

Dec 8, 1944  
(Date of this notice)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was injured in the performance of my duties on Dec 7, 1944  
(Date)

Thurs about 10:30 p.m.  
(Day of week) (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)

1. The injury occurred at 111 Sutter St, FBI, San Francisco  
(Give name of establishment where employed)

in the following manner: Clipped a piece of metal with a metal clipper. Piece flew up and hit me in right eye.

2. Cause of injury small piece of metal clipping hitting right eye

3. Nature of injury Eye injury - extent unknown

4. Names of witnesses to injury:

None

5. If this notice was not given within 48 hours after the injury, explain failure to give notice and state the name of the person to whom first notice was given and date:





Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter St.,  
San Francisco 4, California  
May 17, 1945

DECLASSIFIED BY SP5JC/SEJ  
ON 9-22-99

PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

The writer respectfully requests that, official business permitting, he be transferred to the Springfield Field Division at an early date.

Since being assigned to the San Francisco Office in June of 1943, the writer, his wife, and daughter, [redacted] have suffered from chronic sinus trouble, necessitating frequent medical treatment. Dr. Don G. Gardner, writer's local doctor, advises that this is a direct result of the peculiar climatic conditions in this area, and recommends a change in climate.

Mrs. J. R. Pfander, Mrs. Velde's mother, is over sixty years of age, lives alone in Peoria, Illinois, and over a period of the last several years has gradually become a semi-invalid and unable to care for herself. Within the next two months, she is to undergo a major operation, and in view of these circumstances, it has been contemplated that the writer's wife and [redacted] would proceed to Peoria and establish their home there.

The writer believes himself extremely fortunate to be assigned to the San Francisco Field Division, and if it were not for the necessary impending break-up of the writer's family, would not make this request.

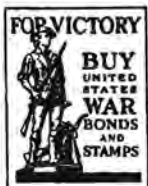
Very truly yours,

Harold H. Velde

Harold H. Velde  
Special Agent

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*Letter prepared 5-28-45  
Spec. Agent in Charge*

JUN 2 1945

*Recommend  
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2 years  
Mr. [redacted]  
transfer to Chicago  
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May 28, 1945

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Mr. Harold H. Velde  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
One Eleven Sutter Building, Room 1729  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Velde:

I have your letter of May 17, 1945, requesting a transfer to Springfield, Illinois, for personal reasons.

Although it is not possible to effect a transfer for you to the Springfield Field Division, I have issued the necessary instructions ordering you to the Chicago Field Division.

I want you to know I appreciate your writing me about this matter and I sincerely hope that this arrangement will be most beneficial to you and your family.

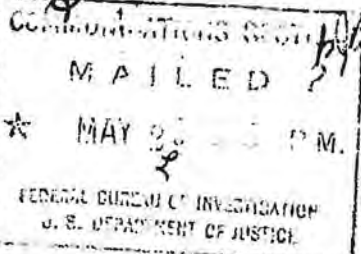
With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC San Francisco (P & C)

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San Francisco, California  
June 15, 1945

ADDENDUM

Re: [REDACTED]

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The attached communication constitutes a special efficiency rating submitted relative to the above-named employee, in view of his recent transfer to the Chicago Field Division.

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#25-0 There has been little change in the status of Agent VELDE since the submission of his annual efficiency rating on March 31, 1945. He has continued to work hard, has applied himself well, and is steadily advancing and developing in the service.

I consider Agent VELDE's present rating to be  
VERY GOOD.

HVP:emb

*Signature of N. L. Pieper*  
N. L. Pieper,  
SAC

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# REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ( )  
OFFICIAL:  
REGULAR ( ) SPECIAL ( X )  
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ( )

As of 6-15-45 based on performance during period from 4-1-45 to 6-15-45

HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE

(Name of employee)

SPECIAL AGENT - CAF 11 (\$3,800)

(Title of position, service, and grade)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, SAN FRANCISCO

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

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✓ if adequate		
- if weak		
+ if outstanding		

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- \_\_\_\_ (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
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- \_\_\_\_ (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

## STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

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- \_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_
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Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks	Excellent	Rating official <u>VERY GOOD</u>
Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks	Very good	Reviewing official _____
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks	Good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks	Fair	
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements	Unsatisfactory	

Rated by [Signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 6-15-45  
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee \_\_\_\_\_ Report to employee \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Adjective rating)

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DIRECTOR ROUTINE

LOAN: ADVISING THAT SA HAROLD H. VELDE ADVISED THIS DISTRICT AT  
TWELVE FIFTEEN AM, JUNE TWENTY SEVEN ON TRANSFER FROM THE SAN  
FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION. HE REPORTED FOR DUTY AFTER BUREAU INVESTIGATION  
AM THIS DATE. IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY PLEASE NOTIFY HIS WIFE,  
MRS. OLIVE VELDE, ONE SIX FOUR FOUR NORTH GLEN OAK STREET,  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

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CALL FOR  
CLERK OFFICE

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WRJ:sea

July 5, 1945

Local Board Number 1  
Selective Service System  
County Court House  
Pekin, Illinois

RE: HAROLD HEDER VELDE  
Order Number 3327

Gentlemen:

I want to advise you that the needs of this service make it necessary to transfer Special Agent Velde to Chicago, Illinois.

This information is furnished to you in order that your records will correctly reflect the principal place of employment of this registrant.

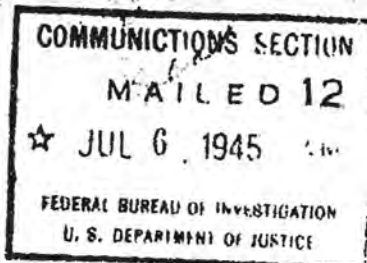
Sincerely yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

CC: SAC - Chicago

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# REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ( )  
OFFICIAL:  
REGULAR ( ) SPECIAL ( )  
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ( )

As of August 30, 1945 based on performance during period from June 15, 1945 to August 30, 1945

HAROLD H. VELDE

(Name of employee)

SPECIAL AGENT CAF 11

(Title of position, service, and grade)

Chicago field division

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

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Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks	Fair	
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements	Unsatisfactory	Agent's initials <u>H.H.V.</u>

Rated by [Signature] Special Agent in Charge August 30, 1945  
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee \_\_\_\_\_ Report to employee \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Adjective rating)

Harold H. Velde, Special Agent -

This Agent presents a neat, businesslike appearance, is conservative in his dress, and his personality is reserved yet he has shown a proper amount of initiative and resourcefulness in the investigations he has conducted.

His dictation has been rated as very good to excellent. He is capable of operating an automobile in a competent fashion. To date he has not testified in a federal court in this judicial district, but has demonstrated his ability to testify in a clear and concise manner before United States Commissioner's hearings. His demeanor and experience, as well as his firearms scores, reflect that he is capable of handling dangerous assignments as well as physical and technical surveillances. He is able to operate a typewriter in a better than average manner, but is unable to take shorthand.

While assigned to the Chicago office Agent Velde has been working on the Selective Service Squad, as well as Telemeter and Switchboard Duty during the evening hours. He has performed these tasks in a competent manner. Although his contacts with law enforcement officers have been somewhat limited because of his duration of assignment, he has proved to be capable of proper law enforcement cooperation. His work to date shows proper organization and initiative in his investigations. He has received responsibility willingly and has discharged such responsibility in a resourceful and aggressive fashion. He appears to be in good physical condition. It is to be noted that this Agent has been rated as an excellent sound man and capable of handling photography and radio work. To date he has not been utilized on these types of assignments, but will have the opportunity in the near future. This Agent also possesses a reading knowledge of the German language.

To date he has not been utilized for supervisory or administrative work, but given the opportunity would no doubt handle such an assignment in a competent fashion.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, Springfield

DATE: September 28, 1948

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Press Release, "The Peoria Star"  
 Friday, September 17, 1948, Quoting  
 Judge Harold H. Velde, Pekin, Illinois,  
 Former Special Agent

Reference is made to previous correspondence from Springfield in this matter.

There is transmitted herewith letter dated September 21, 1948, which I received from Judge Harold H. Velde. The letter is self-explanatory.

Also enclosed herewith and attached to said letter is copy of a news release which apparently is the story referred to by him in the second paragraph of instant letter.

For the Bureau's information, I have acknowledged VELDE's letter, merely advising him that I am referring the matter to the Bureau.

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HAROLD H. VELDE  
JUDGE  
T. E. SOLTERMANN  
CLERK

COUNTY COURT  
TAZEWELL COUNTY  
PEKIN, ILLINOIS

September 21, 1948

Mr. James Poster  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Mr. Poster:

RE: Peoria Star Article  
17 September 1948

I should like to make an explanation to you and Mr. Hoover personally of the article above referred to, a copy of which I believe you have.

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When I was called to Washington by J. Parnell Thomas, Chairman of the House un-American activities committee, I was requested to appear the following morning before the committee. In order to make necessary travel arrangements, I called [redacted] of the Peoria Star to assist me. He advised that he would and that I should later drop into the office and pick up my plane reservations. Of course [redacted] wanted a story immediately upon my advising him of the trip. I prepared a story, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, and suggested that he use this story which he promised to do.

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I had known [redacted] for several years and erroneously supposed that he would print the story as requested and not go into further details. He did, however, proceed to write or cause to be written the article which you have, which may have some serious effect on your further investigations. I am happy to note, however, that this article was not reprinted in any of the other newspapers in this vicinity or throughout the country. I am very sorry that it did get into print to this extent, however.

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Let me assure you that I never stated to [redacted] or anyone that the Federal Bureau of Investigation ever authorized wire tapping; other statements made in the article also are untrue.

I have always been proud of my connection with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and if elected to Congress, I will continue supporting your organization. I attempted to call Mr. Hoover while in Washington last Saturday, but was advised that he was not in the office and knew later from newspapers that he was ill. I sincerely trust that his recovery is rapid and complete.

Sincerely,

*Harold H. Velde*  
HAROLD H. VELDE  
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## Judge Velde Is Called To Capital By House Group

Tazewell County Judge Harold H. Velde, republican nominee for Congress, was called to Washington, D. C., yesterday afternoon at the request of Chairman J. Parnell Thomas of the House un-American activities committee.

While it is not generally known here, Judge Velde was a special agent of the FBI during World War II and was stationed at San Francisco and Oakland, Cal., during the time it is alleged that the communist spy ring was attempting to obtain information about the atom bomb.

The house un-American activities committee recently had been questioning Steve Nelson, who is alleged to have been one of the chief operators of the NKVD Russian spy ring organization. This same Nelson was living in Oakland, Cal., during the time that Judge Velde was stationed there.

The judge left no word with his office here except that he had been called to Washington to talk to Mr. Thomas.

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April 8, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Assistant Director S. J. Tracy advised [redacted] this morning that in accordance with arrangements made through [redacted] of the Republican National Committee Tracy made a recording with Congressman Tom Werdel of California at the Old House Office Building. Tracy said Werdel was very friendly and cordial in his statements of regard concerning the Bureau recalling that when he was in law school he had applied for a position with the Bureau as it was his ambition at that time to become associated with this organization.

On finishing the recording [redacted] advised Mr. Tracy that there was another interview she would like to arrange with a Bureau representative and that she had called the Congressman's secretary. Mr. Tracy inquired as to who it was. [redacted] stated it was Congressman Herald Velde of Illinois. Shortly thereafter Velde's secretary [redacted] came up to the studio. Mr. Tracy stated he was out of town a great deal and faithfully pressed with commitments and suggested to [redacted] that if she had any additional thoughts on any other recordings that she discuss it with my office. This temporarily ended that matter until Tracy could get out of the studio.

We, of course, will do nothing and should [redacted] call or should [redacted] call to arrange such an interview with Velde we will decline to do so on the basis of pressure of commitments.

Respectfully,

Director's Notation:  
"Right"

L. B. Nichols

cc Mr. Jones

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# Charges— Atom Spies Still Loose

Representative Velde (Rep., Ill.), a former F.B.I. agent, said Sunday night he understands that 'several of the most dangerous members of a Communist atomic spy ring have escaped from the country.'

He said he is urging that the House un-American activities committee reopen its investigation of the atomic spy and the 'Scientist X' cases.

The freshman representative from Pekin, Ill., is a member of the committee. He spoke in a radio interview.

He said the Justice Department should have arrested members of the spy ring long ago 'but I am satisfied there are still enough left in this country to warrant this investigation and what I hope will be their consequent arrest and prosecution.'

While he was an F.B.I. agent in San Francisco, he said, he was 'astounded to learn the progress that had been made by Russian espionage agents in this country.'

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March 28, 1949

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HAROLD H. VELDE  
18TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

HOME ADDRESS:  
PEKIN, ILLINOIS

ROBERT H. MICHEL  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

(2)  
Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

9 May 1949

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I offer my heartiest congratulations to you on your celebration of your 25th anniversary as Director of the Bureau? I hope that you may long continue your outstanding service to our country in this capacity, if that is your desire.

Having been connected with the Bureau for three years and having watched the operation of government at close range since taking my seat in Congress, I am more surprised than ever before that it is possible for a person in the Executive Department of the government to maintain his position and reputation as long as you have. To me this represents an achievement which very few people have ever attained.

I have always looked upon my brief service with you with pride, and will continue my attempts to maintain the standards of good citizenship you and your organization exemplify.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold H. Velde  
Harold H. Velde, M.C.

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Honorable Harold H. Velde  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of May 9, 1949, and I want to thank you for your message of congratulations on the occasion of my 25th Anniversary as Director of the FBI. I do hope it will be my privilege to continue serving our Nation in this position for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: February 15, 1950

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: *Harold H. Velde*

Tolson ☒  
 Ladd ☒  
 Clegg ☒  
 Glavin ☒  
 Rosen ☒  
 Tracy ☒  
 Harbo ☒  
 Mohr ☒  
 Tele. Room ☒  
 Nease ☒  
 Gandy ☒

I took a call from Congressman Velde (Ill. R.) at 3:45 PM today by reference from your office.

He stated that he had previously corresponded with the Bureau with regard to having a motion picture film made of Washington, and if possible would like to include some facilities of the Bureau, such as the shooting range, exterior pictures of the building and possibly a picture of yourself. He advised that this film was non-political and would be shown before schools and service clubs in his district. He advised that this had been approved by you by letter dated January 24, 1950. 12/1

Mr. Velde inquired if tomorrow, February 16, would be suitable for his [redacted] to come to the Bureau for the purpose of taking the desired pictures. b7c b6

I advised Congressman Velde that I would check concerning this matter and that he would be subsequently advised.

I am attaching for your information a copy of the letter which was forwarded to Congressman Velde on January 24, 1950.

AR: dad

Attachment

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Handle promptly

I see no reason  
to do this

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2 If I can be avoided tactfully  
G.H. otherwise I will do it -



COPY

January 24, 1950

Honorable Harold H. Velde  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of January 14, 1950, has been received and I am glad to know of your plans to make a motion picture film of the various buildings and memorials in Washington.

It will be a pleasure to have you include pictures of our facilities here at the FBI and if you will let me know the exact time when you would like to make the film, I will be glad to have arrangements made so that our exhibits, laboratory facilities and various spots about the building can be readily photographed.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: Former Special Agent Harold H. Velde entered on duty 11-16-42 and resigned 9-28-45. Last Efficiency rating: VERY GOOD

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS

FROM : M. A. JONES *[initials]*

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN HAROLD VELDE <sup>①</sup>  
Motion Picture

*b6*  
*b7C*

DATE: February 20, 1950

✓

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

*[Signature]*

In accordance with instructions, Special Agent *[redacted]* met *[redacted]* and took several motion picture shots around the Bureau. One shot was made on the range firing the Thompson sub-machine gun and another was made in the Tour Room showing the fingerprint exhibit.

*[redacted]* wanted to make a picture of the front of the building but due to lighting conditions was unable to do so. *[redacted]* indicated that he might come back in the next two or three weeks, on a bright day, and take the picture.

No mention was made of photographs with the Director.. *C*

*[Signature]*  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson  
FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: 2/15/50

SUBJECT:

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Tolson ✓  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols ✓  
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b7C*  
①  
I called Congressman Harold Velde and have made arrangements for his [redacted] to call at my office at 9:45 a.m., February 16, 1950 for the specific purpose of taking motion picture films of the exterior of this building. We will also take pictures of the indoor range and a few shots in the Lab. No mention will be made of taking the Director's picture.

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b7C*  
It is recalled that Velde is having a motion picture made for use back in his district, has the central theme of tracing a bill through Congress and also he wanted to put in pictures of various buildings and felt he could not leave the FBI out.

Special Agent [redacted] will accompany [redacted] and we are making arrangements with the Lab and the range for the taking of these pictures in the morning.

cc - Mr. Jones

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. B. NICHOLS

DATE: February 15, 1950

FROM : M. A. JONES

SUBJECT: MOVIE  
REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD H. VELDE  
(Former Special Agent)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

You will recall that Representative Velde wrote the Director on January 14, 1950, stating that he wanted to circulate a 30 minute film in his District in Illinois before service clubs and schools. He wanted to include a shot of the Director and of the Department of Justice building, plus some "exhibits."

Velde has advised he will be over on February 16.

The following shots are suggested:

- (1). Picture at 9th and Pennsylvania.
- (2).. Shots in Laboratory either ballistics or blood room depending on lighting.
- (3). Traffic diarama.
- (4). Range in basement.
- (5). Fingerprint exhibit in Tour Room.

It is suggested we stay away from Ident. The distances are great and it requires a great deal of lighting and special equipment which we doubt Velde's man will have.

There will be no photos of Director.

We will handle this tomorrow.

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HAROLD H. VELDE  
16TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

HOME ADDRESS:  
PEKIN, ILLINOIS

ROBERT H. MICHEL  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

Washington, D. C.

January 14, 1950

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

*[Handwritten initials and marks over the list]*

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am making plans at this time to circulate a 30-minute film throughout my District in Illinois. This film is entirely non-political and non-partisan and is designed for use before service clubs and highschools. It is a sort of travelogue showing many of the buildings and memorials located in our capitol city.

As you are very popular with the school children and other citizens in my District, I feel it would be very nice to include a short of you and the Department of Justice building in this film. I would also like very much to include in this film a picture of one or more of the exhibits you have in your department.

I would appreciate it if you would consider this matter and advise me as soon as possible if it meets with your approval. This film could be made sometime within the next two or three weeks.

With sincere personal regards.

Yours very truly,

*Harold H. Velde*  
Harold H. Velde, M.C.

**FORMER AGENT**

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January 24, 1950

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Honorable Harold H. Velde  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of January 14, 1950, has been received and I am glad to know of your plans to make a motion picture film of the various buildings and memorials in Washington.

It will be a pleasure to have you include pictures of our facilities here at the FBI and if you will let me know the exact time when you would like to make the film, I will be glad to have arrangements made so that our exhibits, laboratory facilities and various spots about the building can be readily photographed.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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CC - Mr. Jones, rewrite of letter dated 1-19-50, NJC:mcq:nrt

JJM:dmh

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 10, 1950, addressed to Honorable Harold H. Velde has come to my attention and I did want to thank you for your expression of confidence in my administration of the FBI.

You may be sure that such evidences of approval are most welcome.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

~~SECRET~~

DATE: July 15, 1954

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FROM : R. H. ROACH

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SUBJECT JAY LOVESTONE, was.  
ESPIONAGE - IS  
(File 61-1292)

For the information of the Identification Division,  
it was reported to

This matter has been discussed with Major General Joseph F. Carroll, Director of OSI, who is taking vigorous action in an attempt to determine who in OSI is responsible for furnishing this report to Congressman Tamm. A memorandum dated July 14, 1954, was received from OSI, stating that the report was supplied to General Carroll by a subordinate. The report was submitted for latent fingerprint examination. The Director agreed and stated that he could not stress the importance of the necessity of giving all aspects of this investigation.

ACTION:

A copy of this memorandum, together with the report to be examined, is being furnished directly to the Identification Division. The results of the examination should be furnished to Supervisor E. R. Vannell of the Espionage Section and Liaison should receive a copy. A copy should also be provided to Liaison for OSI. The report will be returned to General Carroll following the examination inasmuch as he may need it to intelligently handle the investigation.

cc - Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. C. Tamm  
Mr. Vannell

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

2/28/56, 1955

BUREAU

Director	Mr. Belmont	Mr. Holloman
XXX Mr. Tolson	Mr. Harbo	Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Boardman	Mr. Mohr	Mr. Renneberger
Mr. Nichols	Mr. Parsons	Mr. M.A. Jones
	Mr. Rosen	Mr. D.J. Brennan
	Miss Gandy	Ch. Clerk's Off.
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IDENTIFICATION

Mr. Tamm	Miss LoMedico	Messengers
Mr. Trotter	Mr. Masters	Photo Lab
Mr. Anderson	Mrs. McNeely	Room 3201 (Tech)
Mr. Engert	Mr. Nolan	Room 5208 (CI)
Mr. Harris	Mr. Norton	
Mr. Hottel	Mr. Ritz	Please see me
Mr. Creighton	Mr. Row	Please phone me
Mr. Blase	Mrs. Sisson	For appro action
Mrs. Colliflower		For your info
Miss Dawson	Mrs. Stotler	Pls. note & ret
Mr. Deiss	Mrs. Olson	Pls. file special
Mr. Granger	Mrs. Poland	
	Miss Hines	

✓ Mr. *John*  
Room

C. L. TROTTER  
Room 4131 - Ext.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 28, 1956

Concerning [REDACTED]  
friend of Congressman Velde of  
[REDACTED] who is coming to the  
Bureau at 11:30AM today for a tour  
of the Bureau and has requested to  
meet the Director.

Bureau files contain no information  
identifiable with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on the basis of information furnished.

*Kugler*  
Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Nichols ☒  
Mr. Boardman ☒  
Mr. Belmont ☒  
Mr. Mason ☒  
Mr. Mohr ☒  
Mr. Parsons ☒  
Mr. Rosen ☒  
Mr. Tamm ☒  
Mr. Jones ☒  
Mr. Nease ☒  
Mr. Winterrowd ☒  
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Mr. Holloman ☒  
Miss Holmes ☒  
Miss Gandy ☒

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date February 28, 19 56 Time 10:25AM

Congressman Harold H. Velde

(R-Ill.) and former Agent, tele  
thru secretary.

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS

When advised of the Director's, Mr. Tolson's and Mr. Nichols' absence from the office, he agreed to speak with [REDACTED]

10:30AM - [REDACTED] advises that Congressman Velde wished to make arrangements for a tour for a friend of his and to see if it would be possible for her to meet the Director should he be in at the time of her visit. He gave her name as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised him that he should send her on down to the Bureau and that we would take very good care of her and that should the Director return while she was here, that the Director would be glad to see her. Mr. Velde appreciated this very much and will send her to the Bureau at 11:30AM this morning.

The tour will be conducted by [REDACTED] and upon her arrival in the Reception Room, and unless advised to the contrary, she will be announced to the Director.

Bureau files are being checked.  
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## Velde's Broken Record

Rep. Harold H. Velde (R-Ill.) continues to hang around the Justice Department, hat in hand, hoping to be appointed to a federal judgeship.

In a progress report issued last week, the Pekin congressman, who decided to retire in the face of a stiff primary fight, insisted that he is still "under consideration" for a federal bench opening.

As we observed before, the manner in which he baited American Protestant clergymen in hearings before the House Un-

American Activities Committee showed a total lack of the judicial temperament and spirit of fair play that are indispensable to a good judge.

It is now likewise clear that he lacks the dignity that the American people have come to associate with the judiciary. There is nothing dignified about a member of Congress openly and repeatedly pleading to be appointed a judge.

But it is a remarkable display of gall, for those who like gall.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. ~~Tavel~~

FROM : J. W. Marshall

SUBJECT: HAROLD H. VELDE

DATE: 7-24-69

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Bulky Exhibit File Number: 62-88524-8

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1116, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

OTB:csa

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Signature of Reviewing Supervisor

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*Federal Bureau of Investigation*



September 12, 1945

Local Board Number 1  
Selective Service System  
County Court House  
Pekin, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Selective Service case of Mr. Harold Himmil Velde, who is registered with your Board as Order Number 3327. You will recall that this registrant has been placed in Class 1-C.

For your information, Mr. Velde has submitted his resignation as an employee in this service. This information is being furnished to you in order that your records will be complete with regard to this case.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

CC: SAC - Chicago

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Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
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*[Signature]*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Chicago, Illinois  
September 7, 1945

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my resignation from the position of Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to be effective October 1, 1945, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient to the Bureau.

I have been fortunate to be associated with an organization which has maintained such a high standard of efficiency under your capable leadership. Now that the war is over and that phase of the Bureau's work is completed, I feel that in justice to my family and myself, I should return to the private practice of law.

I shall continue to be interested in the progress of the Bureau's work, and will gladly cooperate with your personnel in a private capacity, should the occasion arise.

Very truly yours,

*Harold H. Velde*

HAROLD H. VELDE  
Special Agent



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September 11, 1945

Mr. Harold H. Valde  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Post Office Box #612  
Chicago 90, Illinois

Dear Mr. Valde:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 7, 1945, submitting your resignation as a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and you are advised that same is being accepted effective at the close of business September 28, 1945, active duty to cease at the same time. You will receive payment for fifty-one days and seven hours annual leave to your credit which will expire at 4:30 P. M., December 13, 1945, providing no emergency leave is taken by you subsequent to the submission of your resignation.

There is enclosed an Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions which should be executed by you, in duplicate, and returned to this Bureau for appropriate action.

For your information, deductions will not be taken from your salary for retirement purposes subsequent to the effective date of your resignation.

The kind remarks contained in your letter are indeed appreciated, and I wish to take this opportunity to extend to you my best wishes for success in your private practice of law.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

CC: SAC, Chicago

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 25, 1945

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: HAROLD H. VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT  
EFFICIENCY REPORT

Please be advised that an efficiency report was submitted on this Agent August 31, 1945.

In view of the short period of time since his last efficiency report, and in view of the fact the conduct of the Agent has not altered during this period of time, no change is being made in his efficiency rating.

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*[Handwritten signature]*  
RW

San Francisco, Calif.,  
Feb. 20, 1945

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HB*

MEMO, SAC:

RE: Harold H. Velde, SA

Writer has been a tenant at 2301 Pacific St., San Francisco for the past 20 months paying rent to [redacted] an agent of the Home Owners Loan Corporation, under a month to month written lease. On June 30, 1944, the Office of Price Administration ordered a reduction in rent on writer's apartment as well as all apartments in the building. At the same time the OPA advised that writer would have approximately \$120.00 returned to him representing overpayments made from October 1, 1943 to the date of the order.

Other tenants in the bldg. have received vouchers from the FOLC for overpayments made only after threatening a law suit or enlisting the aid of the OPA. To date, writer has made no attempt to collect this rent overpayment, but unless advised to the contrary, will begin negotiations with the OPA and FOLC for the overpayments made.

Harold H. Velde

Harold H. Velde, Special Agent

*OK - but  
make sure  
your representations  
are on personal basis,  
and that inference cannot  
be drawn that you are  
utilizing official position  
for personal gain*  
*WVP*

*PERSONAL FILE  
OCT 29 1945*

*Velde HHV  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
CHICAGO 90, ILLINOIS

October 9, 1945

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ON 9-22-99  
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Director - FBI

Re: HAROLD H. VELDE  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

In view of Mr. Velde's recent resignation as a Special Agent, there are enclosed herewith his personnel file and leave record card. With regard to a cease duty efficiency report for this Agent, none is being submitted inasmuch as a letter in lieu thereof was directed to the Bureau on September 25, 1945.

Very truly yours,

*G. R. McSwain*  
G. R. McSWAIN  
SAC

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EMPLOYEE: SA

Velde, Harold H.

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September 5, 1945

Director - FBI

AGENTS' INSURANCE FUND

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of August 24, 1945 advising that Special Agents [REDACTED] and Harold H. Velde had not submitted their contributions to the Agents' Insurance Fund, which were due on July 30, 1945.

Please be informed that Special Agent [REDACTED] has advised me that through inadvertence he did not send in his contribution, but will do so immediately.

Special Agent Harold H. Velde has informed me that he contemplates resigning in the near future and for that reason has not made the contribution in the immediate future.

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# FIELD WEAPONS AND SCIENTIFIC TRAINING RECORD

## OF SPECIAL AGENT Harold H. Velde

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Harold A. Wells

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Date: September 28, 1945

Name: MR. HAROLD E. VELDE  
*Velde*

No.   
CIVIL SERVICE OR  
OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

Nature of Action: **TERMINATION**

Effective: **28 September 28, 1945**

	FROM	TO	NATURE OF POSITION
POSITION	Special Agent		(a) NEW
GRADE SALARY	G-1-12 \$4300.		P. C. No.
BUREAU OR DIVISION			(b) ADDTNL. IDENT. P. C. No.
HEADQUARTERS			(c) VICE P. C. No.
APPROPRIATION	FBI (Natl. Def.)		
DEPARTMENTAL OR FIELD	Field		DATE OF OATH

REMARKS: Terminal leave of 31 days and 7 hours thru 4:30 P.M.  
December 13, 1945  
Forwarding address not given.

ORG. REMOVED  
FOR O.P.F.

*Handwritten:* 1-45  
NOV 7 1945  
*Signature*

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Prepared by: *[Signature]*  
 Checked by: *[Signature]*  
 Filed by: *[Signature]*

Mr.  
 Miss  
 Mrs.

Date

New appointment ☐ *Mr. Harold S. Volke* Transfer ☐ Promotion ☐ September 23, 1945 Separation ☐

PRESENT STATUS

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. Title:                                     | 2. Grade:  |
| 3. Salary: Special Agent<br>\$4,300 per annum | 4. Seat of Government: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Division:                                  | 6. Appropriation: <i>F</i>   |

PROPOSED ACTION

"Salaries and Expenses, FBI"  
 (National Defense)

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| 7. Title:  | 8. Grade:  |
| 9. Salary:   | 10. Seat of Government: <input type="checkbox"/> Field: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Division:                                      | 12. Appropriation:   |
| 13. Effective:                                     |  |
| 14. Position: <i>Forwarding address: Not given</i> | Additional: <input type="checkbox"/><br>Vice:<br>Identical:                      |

Accept voluntary resignation, without prejudice, effective at the close of business September 23, 1945, active duty ceasing at the same time. Accumulated and accrued leave in amount of fifty-one days and seven hours extends through 4:30 P. M. October 13, 1945. Mr. Volke has been requested to execute and return Form 3005, "Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions."

(Title)

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CC: *[Redacted]* Room 1120  
 CC: CCO, Selective Service

Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Coffey  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Ladd  
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SUPPLEMENTAL VOCATION RECORD FORM  
(Special Agents Trained in Sound)

NAME VELDE HAROLD H. DATE 6-14-45  
           Last           First           Middle  
           (Use legal signature and PRINT)

As a Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ PRESENT ASSIGNMENT SAN FRANCISCO  
                                 Month           Day           Year  
 EOD  
 As a Special Agent 11 16 42  
   Month           Day           Year  
 Date of Original Sound Training 1944  
   Year

Have you had any Refresher Training in Sound no Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
   Year

List the number of sound installations you have made since your original training, stating the nature of same and whether you did them yourself or whether assisted another sound man.

about 50 installations - microphone,  
Mike-2el, Telephone taps, sound signal light  
systems. all in conjunction with other agents

List the number of sound installations you have made during the past 12 months, stating the nature of same and whether you did them yourself or whether you assisted another sound man.

About 45 - same as above

List any Supervisory or Administrative assignments you have had in the Bureau.

Nature of Assignment

Dates

none

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mek*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

*WUP* FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: HAROLD H. VELDE  
SPECIAL AGENT TRAINED IN SOUND

DATE: June 16, 1945

This agent has a good theoretical and practical knowledge of the Bureau's sound work. He has done a great deal of the work in this office and he is enthusiastic. I believe that he would be considered one of the best sound men in this office.

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FRANKLIN L. VELDE  
WM. S. PRETTYMAN

HAROLD H. VELDE

LAW OFFICES OF  
**VELDE & PRETTYMAN**  
ZERWEKH BUILDING  
PEKIN, ILLINOIS

February 25, 1946

PHONE 291  
NOTARY IN OFFICE

*Payroll*

Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I note that a recent lettermailed to me in care of the FBI, Washington, D.C. was remailed to one of my former addresses, 532 Hinman St., Evanston, Illinois, and latter remailed to 1644 N. Glen Oak St., Peoria, Illinois and finally reached me two months later.

When I resigned as Special Agent of the Bureau I gave a forwarding address for all my mail, i.e. Times Bldg., Pekin, Illinois. This is still my address so will you please check your records and make sure that any other mail that is sent to the Bureau is forwarded to me at this address.

Respectfully yours,

*Harold H. Velde*  
HAROLD H. VELDE

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**APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RETIREMENT DEDUCTIONS**  
**Read instructions on back of sheet carefully before executing this application**  
**(SUBMIT THROUGH AGENCY WHERE LAST EMPLOYED)**

CLAIM CSR

1. NAME (First) (Middle) (Last) Mr. Mrs. Miss Harold Himmel O Velde			FORMER NAME (if any)	2. DATE (Month, day, year) OF BIRTH April 1, 10
3. DATE OF TERMINATION OF SERVICES (Month, day, year) September 28, 1945		4. TITLE OF LAST POSITION Special Agent		5. DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY Federal Bureau of Investigation
6. DIVISION OR BUREAU OR FORCE OR SERVICE U. S. Department of Justice			7. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT (City and State) Chicago, Illinois	

**STATEMENT OF SERVICE (civil and/or military) FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Department or Agency	Location	Beginning Date	Ending Date
U. S. Army Signal Corp	Chicago, Illinois	Sept. 28, 42	Dec. 30, 42
FBI, US Dept. of Justice	Washington, D.C.	Nov. 16, 42	Sept. 28, 45

9. PREVIOUS CLAIMS HAVE BEEN FILED BY ME AS FOLLOWS (see instruction 3): application apparently has been lost by Civil Serv.  
 Previous claim for refund of retirement deduction was filed about September 28th, 1945, which/

10. We, the undersigned, certify that we personally know the applicant herein to be the above-described person and that he (or she) is the person who signed the application.

11. I hereby declare that the above statements made this 11th day of January, 1947, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

b6 [Redacted Signature]  
 (Signature of first witness)  
 b7c [Redacted Address]  
 Address: (Number and street) (City, zone No., and State)  
 [Redacted Signature]  
 (Signature of second witness)  
 [Redacted Address]  
 Address: (Number and street) (City, zone No., and State)

Harold H. Velde  
 (Signature of applicant)  
 616 Summer Street  
 (Number and street)  
 Pekin, Illinois  
 (City, zone No., and State)

**THIS ENCLOSED SPACE FOR USE OF UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

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March 25-1948

# Harold H. Velde



## MEANS BUSINESS!

Have you given much thought to your  
candidate for Congress from  
the 18th district?

**KNOW THE MAN FOR WHOM YOU VOTE**





## **Judge Velde is Qualified**

**April 1, 1910--Born on a farm in Tazewell County.**

**1915-1927--Rural grade and high schools. Farm work.**

**1927-1931--Bradley University, Northwestern University.**

**1931-1935--Athletic Coach and teacher, Hillsdale High School, Hillsdale, Illinois.**

**1935-1937--U. of Illinois Law School.**

**1937-1942--Practicing lawyer in Pekin and Central Illinois.**

**1942-1946 -- Private, U. S. Army Signal Corps. Honorable Discharge. Special Agent FBI. Certificate of War Service.**

**1946. --County Judge of Tazewell County.**



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE  
PEORIA STAR  
Friday, September 17, 1948

September 17, 1948

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. J. B. Poster of the Springfield Office called at 11:05 a.m. and furnished the following information which appeared in the Peoria Star newspaper, Peoria, Illinois, September 17, 1948, with no by-line and their source was apparently an interview with Judge Harold H. Valde, former Special Agent:

Judge Valde Flying to Washington to tell of Atomic Super Spy

"Judge Harold H. Valde, a Republican nominee for Congress and one time FBI Special Agent left Peoria for Washington, D. C., Thursday night to testify before the House Un-American Affairs Committee. He was called to the Capitol at the request of Committee Chairman J. Parnell Thomas. The Thomas group has recently been questioning Steve Nelson, allegedly once the chief operator on the West Coast for the NKVD. Valde was stationed with the FBI in California in 1943 when Nelson was under investigation there.

"The GOP candidate served on the San Francisco Communist Squad for two years as a member of the second story squad which installed technical and microphone taps on phones in order to get information from Communist Party Headquarters in that city and from Steve Nelson's home. Valde's part in the West Coast investigation began when he was transferred to San Francisco from Salt Lake City in March, 1943.

Call From Scientists

"Nelson was then a member of the Alameda County Political Association. According to Valde on March 13, an FBI Agent was listening to a wire tap on Communist Party Headquarters and Nelson's home and was ready to turn off the apparatus at midnight when Nelson got a call from Dr. Weinberg employed at the University of California Radiation Laboratory, an Atomic Research Center. Weinberg told Mrs. Nelson that he had to see her husband. Mrs. Nelson said her husband was at a political rally and told Weinberg to come over there and wait for him.

The Agent who tapped the call telephoned San Francisco and Los Angeles Offices to put a detail on Nelson's home. Nelson came home about 2:00 a.m. and greeted Weinberg. Weinberg was afraid they were being watched and requested Nelson to check for microphones. The Agent on the other end of the tap could

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hear them searching the room, but Nelson and Weinberg finally gave up and decided there was no microphone. After that, they sat down and Weinberg said he had a little information, not much, but it will help. Weinberg apparently took a sheet of paper from his pocket and read a complicated chemical formula which Nelson took down. The Agent reported this to Naval Intelligence and G-2. Subsequently the FBI trailed Weinberg and found that he was employed in a research laboratory and a 24 hour surveillance was put on both.

#### Russian Consulate Contact

"A short time later a call was made from the Russian Consulate in San Francisco by a man named Kheifets to the Russian Embassy in Washington, asking the Third Secretary to come to the West Coast on an urgent matter. Several days passed before Kheifets called Nelson and they arranged a meeting in a park near St. Joseph Hospital in San Francisco. Agents saw Nelson hand Kheifets something, apparently the formula.

"The Third Secretary from Washington contacted Nelson at his home and talked about getting in touch with other staff members of the Radiation Laboratory. During this conversation an Agent on the tap heard the Third Secretary count out ten bills. Nelson exclaimed, 'You count out money like you are a banker.' The Third Secretary said that for any more information there would be more money.

"It was at this time Valde was put on the Second Story Squad. The first story he provided on the West Coast was that Arthur Adams was reported to be the spy ring head. When Judge Valde left the FBI in 1945, enough evidence had been gathered against 150 US Communists and fellow travellers to make cases against them under peace espionage. The FBI labeled the affair the Comrap Case, a contraction for Communist Apparatus. The FBI never followed up the investigation to obtain conviction of the 150 involved, Judge Valde said, for some reason unknown to him. Before more specific investigation could be instituted he said it would be necessary to get the consent of Attorney General Biddle. Judge Valde understood all reports on the investigation were furnished to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"Judge Valde left Peoria by plane at 6:00 p.m., Thursday and took the 7:45 p.m. plane, out of Chicago to Washington."

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: September 17, 1948

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE  
PEORIA STAR  
September 17, 1948*Harold H. Valde  
former agent.*

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

With reference to the attached telephone call from SAC Poster of the Springfield Office concerning the release which appeared in the Peoria Star on September 17, 1948, Mr. Poster stated that he was last talking with Valde on September 1, 1948, when he, Poster, went to Pekin, Illinois, for the purpose of addressing a combined meeting of the Service Clubs. Mr. Poster advised that on that occasion he spent several hours with Valde, including a visit to his home where he met Mrs. Valde. During the course of various discussions which took place, Valde spoke very highly of the Bureau and indicated he held it in high esteem. He told Mr. Poster that under no circumstances has he or ~~she~~ he ever discuss his activities in the Bureau -- not even with his wife. Mr. Poster said that the man appeared to be sincere and as a matter of fact, he was looked upon as a good contact by the Springfield Office.

SAC Poster stated that he had an excellent chance of being elected as Congressman from the Peoria District. He stated further that he has made no inquiry concerning this matter and does not intend doing so in the absence of specific instructions from the Bureau.

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*This was  
a direct violation  
of his oath*

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*Cong. Thomas says  
he voluntarily  
appeared to testify*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *HBT*FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT:

DATE: September 20, 1948

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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*b7C* [redacted] called me on Saturday, September 18, 1948 and stated that the Attorney General wanted to know something about the record of former Special Agent Harold H. Velde and what the Bureau thought of him. *W. H. H.*

I subsequently advised [redacted] that the records at the Bureau showed that Velde left the service voluntarily and that while with the Bureau had a good record, that he is presently a Municipal Judge of some kind in Illinois and that he is presently running for Congress. *0.5*

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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

WASHINGTON FROM SFRAN S 7 9-17-48 3-16 PM

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DIRECTOR

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR D. M. LADD

HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE, FORMER SA. RE TEL CALL FROM INSPECTOR

[REDACTED] TODAY. PERSONNEL PRESENTLY ON DUTY THIS OFFICE RECALL  
VELDE WAS ASSIGNED TO COMMUNIST SQUAD FROM LATTER PART OF NINETEEN  
FORTYTHREE UNTIL HIS TRANSFER TO CHICAGO DIVISION IN JUNE FORTYFIVE.  
NEITHER THIS SQUAD NOR ANY OTHER SQUAD HERE HAD UNIT KNOWN AS  
QUOTE SECOND STORY DETAIL UNQUOTE. WHILE ON THIS SQUAD HE WAS  
ASSIGNED TO TECHNICAL WORK PARTICULARLY DURING NINETEEN FORTYFOUR  
WHEN HE WAS ASSIGNED PRACTICALLY FULL TIME TO OAKLAND TECHNICAL  
PLANT FOR REPAIR AND SERVICE PURPOSES. FROM ABOUT JANUARY  
FORTYFIVE UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE HE DID PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER

AGENTS IN SECURING INFORMATION FROM HIGHLY RELIABLE BUT EXTREMELY  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES. HE LIKewise PARTICIPATED WITH

OTHER SOUND-TRAINED AGENTS IN INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL EQUIP-  
MENT ON TELEPHONE AND MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCES.

HE DID PARTICIPATE IN INSTALLATION OF MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCES

AT PRESENT CP HEADQUARTERS WHICH ARE STILL IN USE AND ARE DESIGNATED AS

[REDACTED] DATED AT SANFRAN AUGUST TWENTY FORTY EIGHT

ENTITLED STEVE NELSON, WAS, ET AL, ESP CONSPIRACY. FILES

REFLECT [REDACTED] WHICH WAS MONITORED BY SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REVEALED A CONVERSATION BETWEEN STEVE NELSON AND ONE JOE, LATER IDENTIFIED AS JOSEPH WOODROW WEINBERG, TAKING PLACE ON MARCH TWENTYNINE FORTYTHREE. NOTE VELDES PRESS RELEASE STATES CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE ON MARCH THIRTEEN. ON APRIL SIX FORTYTHREE A PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE CONDUCTED BY SAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] REVEALED AN APPARENT MEETING BETWEEN STEVE NELSON AND PETER IVANOV, SECRETARY OF RUSSIAN CONSULATE IN SF, NEAR ST. JOSEPHS HOSPITAL, SANFRAN. NOTE MEETING WAS WITH IVANOV AND NOT WITH KHEIFETS AS CLAIMED IN VELDES PRESS RELEASE. [REDACTED] MONITORED BY SA [REDACTED]

REVEALED A CONVERSATION BETWEEN NELSON AND VASSILI ZUBILIN AT NELSONS HOME ON APRIL TEN FORTYTHREE. ZUBILIN IS OBVIOUSLY THE QUOTE THIRD SECRETARY UNQUOTE REFERRED TO IN VELDES PRESS RELEASE. VELDE WAS ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF COMRAP CASE DURING ITS MOST IMPORTANT PERIOD AND WAS, OF COURSE, FAMILIAR WITH FACTS OF CASE AND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED THEREON. AMSD LETTER FOLLOWS.

KIMBALL

cc Ladd  
[REDACTED]  
Zelcher

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: September 17, 1948

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE

PEORIA STAR

September 17, 1948

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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In accordance with your instructions, [REDACTED] called the San Francisco Office at 11:50 a.m., and in the absence of SAC Kimball requested ASAC Van Pelt to furnish the Bureau immediately a detailed analysis of the various investigations and assignments handled by Special Agent Velde. In this connection, the San Francisco Office was requested to review its technical and surveillance logs.

Mr. Van Pelt's attention was called to the fact that a quick review of his file indicated that he had made a large number of installations subsequent to being specially trained in sound work. Mr. Van Pelt stated he remembered Velde and said that he had been very active in the Comrap case in the San Francisco Office. He added that this former Agent originally was assigned to Selective Service work, but in view of his sound training he was put on Communist work shortly after his arrival in the San Francisco Office. According to Mr. Van Pelt, Velde was thoroughly conversant with the Communist picture in the San Francisco area.

The San Francisco Office was requested to furnish a teletype summary of its analysis of this man's assignments and to follow up with the details by AMSD letter as quickly as possible.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: September 17, 1948

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: HUAC HEARINGS

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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Miss Gandy	

b6 At 2:25 p.m. today, Special Agent [redacted] of the WFO called  
 b7c and stated that [redacted] had confidentially advised that former Special  
 Agent Harold H. Velde had arrived in Washington to testify before the  
 Committee. He posed for newspaper pictures this morning and there will  
 unquestionably be a news release this afternoon by the HUAC. He is to  
 testify concerning the Joseph Weinberg angles of the alleged Atomic Energy  
 spy case. [redacted] also stated that this former Special Agent is running  
 for Congress in Illinois. A copy of the transcript of Velde's testimony  
 will probably be available today, and [redacted] stated that the WFO  
 expected to secure this.

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SAC - San Francisco

September 30, 1948

Director - FBI

**HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE**  
**Former Special Agent**

As you are aware, former Special Agent Harold Velde gave testimony on September 17, 1948, in an executive session to a Special Subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. There is attached for your use a photostatic copy of the official report of proceedings covering the testimony given by former Special Agent Velde.

A review of the data furnished by Velde, who was assigned to your office from June, 1943 until June, 1945, reflects that it relates primarily to the Bureau's investigations involving Steve Nelson, Joseph Woodrow Weinberg, Vassili Zubilin, Louise Rosenberg Branstetter, Peter Ivanov and Gregori Kheifetz, facts concerning which your office is familiar.

It is requested that upon receipt of this letter you shall immediately undertake an analysis of the testimony of Velde for the purpose of comparing the data furnished by him with the facts as ascertained by this Bureau's investigations. In this connection it is observed that in your analysis you should point out, where possible to do so, whether or not by reason of Velde's assignment he was in a position to determine the facts concerning which he has given testimony.

It is requested that the analysis which is to be prepared by you be made up in the form of a blind memorandum and you should in all cases correctly identify the original sources of the Bureau's information. It is suggested that in preparing this analysis you set forth, paragraph by paragraph, a summary of the testimony of Velde as reflected in the report of the proceedings. Following each paragraph of testimony there should be a paragraph of facts as determined by the Bureau's investigation.

You are requested to furnish your analysis as soon as it is prepared, and the photostatic copy of the official report of proceedings should be returned to the Bureau.

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# Committee Asks for File On Condon

FBI Report Said  
To Link Scientist  
With Silvermaster,  
Other Alleged Reds

By Mary Spargo  
Post Reporter

The House Committee on Un-American Activities yesterday called upon President Truman to release an FBI report which it said links Dr. Edward U. Condon, head of the Bureau of Standards, with alleged Soviet espionage agents, including Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.

President Truman retorted with a letter to a group of leading scientists promising to continue his fight "to keep the subject of atomic energy out of partisan politics."

Silvermaster, a former Government employee, recently appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and refused to answer most questions on Communist Party affiliation and his associations on the ground of self-incrimination.

## "Shocking Chapter" to Come

Silvermaster, however, is described in FBI, Naval Intelligence and police records of several cities as not only a Communist but a probable member of the Russian secret police.

The committee said yesterday that "in spite of Mr. Truman, Mr. Lillenthal (David E. Lillenthal of the Atomic Energy Commission) and a few misguided scientists, the American people will continue to get the facts from this committee and in the next few days, we shall reveal a shocking chapter in Communist espionage in the atomic field."

President Truman told a group of eight scientists in his letter that he is being opposed in his efforts to keep atomic energy out of politics by "highly placed" persons "who understand neither the significance of atomic energy nor the meaning of genuine national security in a democratic Nation."

## Truman Plies Protection

Although Mr. Truman did not mention the committee by name in his reply to the eight scientists who had expressed concern over what they termed "smearing methods" by the House Un-American Activities Committee, he left no doubt as to whom he referred.

He said the Nation should protect itself against espionage and untrustworthy Government personnel in its atomic energy plans.

"I am determined that we shall protect ourselves effectively," the President said, "but I am equally determined that we shall maintain our safeguards within the framework of our democratic principles. With this, I know you agree."

Meanwhile, there were these other developments:

1. Senator Homer Ferguson (R., Mich.) yesterday called on Attorney General Tom C. Clark to seek indictments "against known Communists, both in and out of Government." Ferguson, chairman of the Senate investigating subcommittee, said Clark's files contain "evidence upon which you can base your requests for indictments in many places, but specifically in Denver, Salt Lake City, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D. C."

2. Clark immediately issued a public statement directed to Ferguson charging him with headline hunting. "I would appreciate it if you would quit trying to claim credit for the work of the FBI and the Department of Justice and keep your political activity out of the field of serious prosecution of offenses under Federal statutes."

3. At the Justice Department, Alex H. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General, would neither confirm nor deny reports that grand juries are to be summoned soon in various cities to hear evidence on the alleged Communists. Campbell said an investigation had been going on for months and is continuing.

## Former FBI Man Heard

4. An Un-American Activities subcommittee was authorized yesterday to go to New York Wednesday to question Mrs. Oksana S. Kasenkina, the Russian school teacher who leaped from a Soviet consulate window in New York.

5. The committee heard testimony in executive session yesterday from Harold H. Velde, a former FBI agent, who described his wartime operations against Communists trying to obtain the secrets of the atomic bomb.

## Committee Defends Self

In the first public answer it has made to criticism of its operations, the committee yesterday defended itself against charges it said were made by President Truman, David E. Lillenthal and the American Association for the Advancement of Science that it is "endangering the Nation's safety by 'slandering' scientists."

"The plain-unvarnished truth of the matter is that but two scientists out of the many hundreds employed in the atomic research have been subjects of committee inquiry resulting in adverse publicity, Dr. Kamen of the Washington University at St. Louis and Dr. Edward U. Condon, Wallace-appointed head of the Bureau of Standards."

"The former was discharged from the Manhattan Project upon request of Military Intelligence for alleged 'indiscretions' involving contact with Russian consular officials. He was subpoenaed by the committee in the furtherance of its investigation, but the committee did not make public his testimony and made no comment concerning him, and the only adverse publicity consisted of press references to the described separation."

"The latter, Condon, was the subject of a lengthy FBI report detailing his association with alleged Soviet espionage agents, including Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, who was recently described before this committee as heading an espionage ring of Government employees."

"The report is locked in President Truman's desk, according to his own statement, and the Congress has been denied access to it."

"However, Lillenthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, was obviously permitted to review the report recently, since he announced that the AEC, after consideration of its contents, had cleared Condon, for access to atomic information without reviewing the evidence before this committee."

"The Condon hearing will bring out the full facts upon which the committee made its report and the public may then exercise a balanced judgment, but we emphasize that it is obligatory upon President Truman to release Mr. Hoover's report on Dr. Condon to the Congress."

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## Wartime 'G-Man' Shadowed Reds



Harris & Ewing

**HAROLD H. VELDE**

*Former FBI agent*

"As to the absurd claim of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that large numbers of scientists have resigned in recent months, because of fear of smear, a complete denial

was issued on September 15 by C. N. Rucker, the executive director of the Oak Ridge plant, who released the following statement:

"I have checked our records and I find that of a normal employment of 500 technical personnel, we have had a net loss of about 15 persons in the past year."



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
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United States Department of Justice**

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Registered Mail.

Director, FBI

RE: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

Re Bureau letter of September 30, 1948.

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum setting forth an analysis made by the San Francisco Office of the testimony given by former Special Agent HAROLD VELDE on September 17, 1948, in an Executive Session to a Special Sub-Committee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Also attached is the photostatic copy of the official Report of Proceedings forwarded with reference letter.

It is to be pointed out that by reason of his assignment to the Communist Squad in this office, VELDE had access to information developed through microphone, technical, and physical surveillances, as well as access to investigative reports contained in the COMRAP and CINRAD cases. However, a review of the technical surveillance and physical surveillance logs does not reflect that VELDE participated in those surveillances relating to STEVE NELSON's contacts with PETER IVANOV, VASSILI Z. ZHUKOV, or JOSEPH WEINBERG, nor did he prepare the investigative reports relating to these incidents.

Attention is directed to page fourteen of the attachment. The San Francisco Office is not aware of the true identity of Confidential Informant [redacted] of the New York Office, who is used as a source of information.

Very truly yours,

*Harry M. Kimball*  
HARRY M. KIMBALL  
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*Thomas F. Madala*  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

DATE: October 28, 1948

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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On September 17, 1948, former Special Agent Velde testified under oath in an executive session before a Special Sub-Committee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

It will be recalled that Harold Velde was formerly assigned to the San Francisco Field Division from 1943 until 1945, where he was assigned to the maintenance of technical surveillances. Several of these surveillances were being conducted in conjunction with matters arising out of the investigations in the Comrap and Cinrad cases.

An analysis of Velde's testimony before the House Committee shows that it was primarily concerned with Soviet espionage efforts directed at the atomic installation at Berkeley, California. Velde's testimony is replete with inaccuracies involving important facts, names and dates.

It will also be noted that Velde offered as fact to the Committee his own personal conclusions.

Pursuant to your request, I have had prepared a detailed analysis of Velde's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This analysis is a compilation prepared by the San Francisco Office and from the facts as they are available in the Bureau's files. The analysis and a photostatic copy of Velde's testimony are attached.

Under date of September 17, 1948, "The Peoria Star", Peoria, Illinois, carried a news article of Velde's proposed appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. There is attached for your information a separate memorandum analysing the statements made in this news article as compared with the true facts reflected in our file. Particular attention is directed to the fact that, according to your report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Velde had indicated to the Committee his voluntary desire to supply them with information.

## ACTION:

None. This is for your information.

H. B. F. Fletcher  
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October 28, 1948

On September 17, 1948, a news story appeared in "The Peoria Star," Peoria, Illinois, which carried the headline "Judge Velde Flying to Washington to Tell of Atomic Secrets Spying."

This news article, which is attached, generally recounts the story of the Steve Nelson-Joseph Weinberg meeting on March 29, 1943; the meeting of Steve Nelson and Peter Ivanov and the meeting of Steve Nelson and Vassili Zubilin on April 10, 1943. Harold Velde appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on September 17, 1948 and attempted to give testimony concerning the above activities. An analysis of Velde's statements to the House Committee on Un-American Activities reflects that considerable portions of his testimony varied from the facts as the Bureau determined them and the news article referred to above is similarly faulty.

Certain statements which appear in the news story were not repeated, at least in the official record of Velde's testimony before the House Committee, and it is believed worth while to point these statements out:

1. The news story states that Judge Harold H. Velde of Pekin, Republican nominee for Congress and a war-time FBI special agent, was called to Washington "at the request of Committee Chairman J. Parnell Thomas."

2. According to Louis J. Russell of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Committee had not requested Velde's appearance, but Velde had indicated that he had information to supply to the Committee and in a release to the Press prior to his appearance before the Committee stated that he did not desire to hamper any current investigation being conducted by the Bureau but felt that patriotic Americans deserved to know certain facts relating to the present investigation and the Committee.

2. The news story states as follows: "The GOP candidate (referring to Harold Velde), served on the San Francisco Communist squad for two years as a member of the 'second-story squad' which installed microphones and tapped telephones in order to get information from Communist Headquarters in that city and from Steve Nelson's home."

The San Francisco Office has advised that neither the Communist squad nor any other squad in that office had a unit known as the "second-story detail" or the "second-story squad."

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Harold Velde was assigned to the Communist squad in the San Francisco Office in the latter part of 1943 until his transfer to the Chicago Field Division in June, 1945. The San Francisco Office has advised that since Velde was a sound-trained agent, he was assigned principally to technical work in connection with plants maintained by the San Francisco Office. During practically the entire year of 1944, Velde was assigned almost full-time to the Oakland technical plant where he performed repair and service jobs on the equipment in the plant. It was his duty to maintain the plant in perfect operation at all times. From about January, 1945, Velde participated with other agents of the San Francisco Office in securing information from highly reliable and delicate sources. Likewise, he participated with other sound-trained special agents of the San Francisco Office in the installation of technical equipment on various telephone and microphone surveillances in the San Francisco Division. The San Francisco Office pointed out that inasmuch as Velde was assigned to technical installations during 1943, 1944 and 1945, which installations were principally concerned with the Comrap and Cinrad investigations, he would have been familiar with all of the facts in these cases and with the investigation which was conducted.

3. The news article, while relating Velde's account of the meeting between Joseph Weinberg and Steve Nelson states as follows:

"Nelson came home around 2 a.m. and greeted Weinberg, who was afraid they were being watched, and insisted Nelson look for hidden microphones. The agent on the other end of the tap could hear them searching the room, but Nelson and Weinberg finally gave up and decided there was no microphone."

With respect to the above, it will be noted that while Nelson and Weinberg spoke in low tones, it was not indicated that they made a search of the room to locate a hidden microphone and, therefore, it appears that there is no basis for Velde's statement to that effect.

4. The news story referring to the meeting between Nelson and Weinberg states as follows:

"The agent reported this to the Office of Naval Intelligence and G-2. Subsequently, FBI men trailed Weinberg and found he was employed by the University of California Research Laboratory. A 24-hour watch was put on both Nelson and Weinberg."

With respect to the above, it is noted that the meeting between Nelson and Weinberg was not transmitted to the Office of Naval Intelligence.



Likewise, the Bureau did not place a surveillance on Weinberg and the Bureau did not determine that Weinberg was employed by the University of California Research Laboratory. In this regard it will be observed that at the time of the meeting between Nelson and Weinberg, which was covered by a technical surveillance, Weinberg was identified only by the name "Joe." The identification of "Joe" was effected by the Manhattan Engineer District some considerable time subsequent to the meeting between Nelson and Weinberg.

5. The news story also contains a statement to the effect that a short time after the meeting between Nelson and Weinberg a man named Kheifets of the Russian Consulate in San Francisco called the Russian Embassy in Washington and asked for the Third Secretary to come to the West Coast on an urgent matter. With respect to this statement it will be noted that there is no basis for it.

6. Referring to the meeting between Vassili Zubilin, who is the person referred to by Velde as the Third Secretary of the Embassy and Steve Nelson, the news article states as follows:

"The third secretary from Washington contacted Nelson at his home and talked about getting in touch with other staff members at the Radiation laboratory. During this conversation, the agent tapping Nelson's home heard the third secretary count out 10 bills. Nelson explained, 'You count out money like you're a banker.' The third secretary said that for any more information, there would be more money."

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The concluding portion of the news article states that when Judge Velde left the FBI in 1945, considerable evidence had been gathered against the 150 United States Communists and Fellow Travelers to make cases against them for peace-time espionage. Likewise, the news article quotes Judge Velde as stating that the FBI never followed up the investigation to obtain convictions of the 150 involved. There does not appear to be any basis for the statements made by Velde.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: GREGORY,  
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DATE: September 21, 1948

Reference is made to my letter of September 17, 1948, regarding the testimony of former Special Agent HAROLD VELDE before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Concerning this testimony, I am enclosing herewith two photostatic copies of the testimony given by VELDE before the House Committee on September 17, 1948.

It should be noted that this information was received in confidence from [REDACTED] for the House Committee.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field  
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DATE: September 17, 1948

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This is to advise that information received from [redacted] of the HCUA regarding the testimony of HAROLD VELDE, a former Special Agent of the Bureau who is presently running for Congress in Illinois, was as follows.

[redacted] indicated that VELDE's testimony related to the investigation by the Bureau of JOSEPH WEINBERG and testified to the effect that he knew that WEINBERG had communicated with STEVE NELSON and had told NELSON that he, WEINBERG, had to see him right away and that WEINBERG furnished NELSON with a secret formula relating to atomic energy which NELSON copies. VELDE also testified to the effect that NELSON had received a large sum of money from VASSILI ZUBILIN, Russian Official.

[redacted] indicated that the Committee had not requested VELDE's appearance but that VELDE had indicated that he had information to supply to the Committee and in a release to the press prior to his appearance before the Committee, stated that he did not desire to hamper any current investigation being conducted by the Bureau but felt that patriotic Americans deserved to know certain facts relating to the present investigation of the Committee.

[redacted] further indicated that on Monday, September 20, 1948, the Committee plans to hear LOUISE BRANSTEN; that on Tuesday, September 21, 1948, the Committee will hear Mr. and Mrs. PAUL MASSING relative to NOEL FIELD; and that on Friday, September 24, 1948, JOSEPH WEINBERG would be heard by the Committee. NOV

[redacted] indicated that the transcript of VELDE's testimony would probably be completed Monday morning and if it were so desired, an agent of this office could in confidence review this transcript.

In the event further information is obtained, it will be forwarded to you immediately.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
San Francisco 2, California  
September 17, 1948

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY  
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Director, FBI

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION MR. D. M. LADD

Re: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

Dear Sir:

Remytel this date.

Personnel presently on duty in this office recall that former SA HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE was assigned to the Communist Squad in this office from the latter part of 1943 until his transfer to the Chicago Division in June of 1945. Neither the Communist Squad nor any other squad in this office had a unit known as the "second story detail" or the "second story squad."

Since VELDE was a sound-trained Agent, he was assigned principally to technical work in connection with plants maintained by this office. As pointed out in the telephone conversation between Inspector LEO LAUGHLIN and ASAC H. C. VAN PELT, this date, the assignment cards, administrative files, No. 3 cards, daily reports, etc., covering VELDE's activities while he was an Agent assigned to this office have been destroyed. During practically the entire year 1944, VELDE was assigned almost full time to the Oakland technical plant where he performed repair and service jobs on the equipment in the plant. He was not specifically assigned during most of this period to any one case nor was he assigned to monitor any certain lines. It was his duty to maintain the plant in perfect operation at all times.

From about January of 1945 until his departure on transfer to the Chicago Division in June of 1945 he did participate with other Agents in securing information from highly reliable but extremely confidential sources. A search of appropriate files and exhibits in this office reveals that VELDE, accompanied by other Special Agent personnel, received information from a highly confidential source close to the American Russian Institute, Room 310, 101 Post Street, San Francisco, on the following dates:

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Letter to Director  
Re: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

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VELDE, accompanied by other Special Agent personnel, received information from a highly confidential source close to the Communist Party headquarters at 1723 Webster Street, Oakland, California, on [REDACTED]

VELDE, accompanied by other Special Agent personnel received information from a highly confidential source close to the Communist Party headquarters, 942 Market Street, San Francisco, on [REDACTED]

He participated with other sound-trained Special Agents in the installation of technical equipment on various telephone and microphone surveillances in the San Francisco Division. It is recalled that he was one of the Agents who participated in the installation of microphone surveillances at present Communist Party headquarters, 972 Market Street, San Francisco, which installation was made on [REDACTED] and which began operation on [REDACTED]. This installation is designated as Confidential Informant [REDACTED] and is still in use.

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As of possible interest, it is recalled that VELDE and other Special Agent personnel took the photographs of the central San Francisco plant, [REDACTED] when it was being remodeled in 1945. These photographs were forwarded to the Bureau as enclosures to San Francisco letter to the Bureau dated [REDACTED], entitled [REDACTED] San Francisco Field Division." Being a Bureau trained soundman, he was also more familiar with the Bureau's radio network than the average Agent.

Reference is made to the summary report of SA [REDACTED] dated at San Francisco, August 20, 1945, in the case entitled, "STEVE NELSON, was; ET AL; Espionage, Conspiracy," which sets forth the names of the Agents who can testify to the facts which took place giving rise to the CINRAD and COMRAP investigations, which are apparently identical with the facts mentioned by VELDE in his press release to the PEORIA STAR published Friday, September 17, 1948.

A review of the above report and the pertinent surveillance logs reveals that Confidential Informant [REDACTED], which was at that time monitored by SA [REDACTED], revealed a conversation between STEVE NELSON and one JOE, later identified as JOSEPH WOODROW WEINBERG, which took place on [REDACTED]. It is noted that in his press release to the Peoria paper, VELDE states that this conversation took place on March 13th, [REDACTED].



Letter to Director  
Re: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

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Similarly, VELDE's press release mentions a meeting between NELSON and KHEIFETS at a small park near St. Joseph's Hospital in San Francisco. It is noted that on April 6, 1943, a physical surveillance was conducted by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], which revealed an apparent meeting between STEVE NELSON and PETER IVANOV, the Secretary of the Russian Consulate in San Francisco in the park near St. Joseph's Hospital in San Francisco. It is pointed out that it was IVANOV and not KHEIFETS who apparently met with NELSON in the park.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] which was monitored at that time by SA [REDACTED] revealed a conversation between NELSON and VASSILI ZUBILIN at NELSON'S home, 3720 Grove Street, Oakland, California, on April 10, 1943. ZUBILIN at that time was the Third Secretary of the USSR Embassy in Washington and is obviously the "Third Secretary" referred to in VELDE's press release to the Peoria newspaper.

VELDE was assigned to technical installations during 1943, 1944, and 1945, which installations were concerned principally with the most important aspects of the COMRAP and CINRAD investigations. Due to his assignment he would, of course, have been familiar with all of the facts of these cases and with the investigation conducted thereon.

Very truly yours,

*Harry M. Kimball*  
HARRY M. KIMBALL  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: October 5, 1948

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

**SUBJECT:** FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS WHO HAVE APPEARED BEFORE  
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin  
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During the recent investigation of alleged Russian espionage involving atomic research two former Special Agents appeared before the Committee to give testimony. They were [REDACTED] and Harold Himmel Velde.

It will be noted that a review of the testimony of these agents discloses many inaccuracies and it can be safely said that their activities has prejudiced the work of the Bureau in investigating Soviet espionage cases. For your information I am attaching two separate memoranda which briefly summarize the careers of these agents with the Bureau, their testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee and the effect of their testimony on the Bureau's investigations.

**ACTION:**

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to the Training and Inspection Division for their information.

Attachment

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Memo to Mr. Tolson 10-11-48  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Springfield

SUBJECT: Press Release, "The Peoria Star",  
Friday, September 17, 1948, Quoting  
Judge Harold H. Velde, Pekin, Illinois,  
Former Special Agent.

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Confirming telephonic conversation had today with Inspector [redacted] of the Bureau, I wish to advise that the following press release appeared in "The Peoria Star" newspaper, Peoria, Illinois, September 17, 1948, with no by-line, and their source apparently an interview with Judge HAROLD H. VELDE. However this has not been verified. The headline reads "Judge Velde Flying to Washington to Tell of Atomic Secrets Spying". The article, in its entirety, as it appears, is as follows:

✓ "Judge Harold H. Velde of Pekin, Republican nominee for Congress and wartime FBI special agent, left Peoria for Washington, D. C., Thursday night, to testify before the House Un-American Affairs committee."

"He was called to the capital at the request of Committee Chairman J. Parnell Thomas."

"Thomas' group has recently been questioning Steve Nelson, allegedly once a chief operator of the NKVD spy system. Judge Velde was stationed with the FBI in California in 1943 when Nelson was under investigation there."

"The GOP candidate served on the San Francisco Communist squad for two years as a member of the 'second-story squad,' which installed microphones and tapped telephones in order to get information from Communist headquarters in that city and from Steve Nelson's home."

"Velde's part in the West coast investigation began when he was transferred to San Francisco from Salt Lake City in March, 1943."

## "Call from Scientist

"Nelson was then a member of the Alameda County Political association. According to Velde, on March 13, an FBI agent was tending the wire taps on Communist headquarters and Nelson's home and was ready to turn off the apparatus at midnight when Nelson got a call from a Dr. Weinberg, employed at the University of California's Radiation laboratory, an atomic research center. Weinberg told Mrs. Nelson that he had to see her husband. Mrs. Nelson said her husband was at a political rally and told Weinberg to come over and wait for him."

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"The agent who tapped the call telephoned San Francisco and Oakland offices to put a detail on Nelson's home.

"Nelson came home around 2 a.m. and greeted Weinberg, who was afraid they were being watched, and insisted Nelson look for hidden microphones. The agent on the other end of the tap could hear them searching the room, but Nelson and Weinberg finally gave up and decided there was no microphone.

"After they sat down, Weinberg said he had a 'little information -- not much -- but it will help'. Weinberg apparently took a sheet of paper from his pocket and read a complicated chemical formula, which Nelson took down.

"The agent reported this to the Office of Naval Intelligence and G-2. Subsequently, FBI men trailed Weinberg and found he was employed by the University of California Research laboratory. A 24-hour watch was put on both Nelson and Weinberg.

#### "Russian Consulate Contact

"A short time later, a call from the Russian consulate in San Francisco by a man named Kheifets to the Russian embassy in Washington, asked the third secretary to come to the West coast on an urgent matter.

"Several days passed before Kheifets called Nelson, and a meeting was arranged at a small park near St. Joseph's hospital in San Francisco. Agents saw Nelson hand Kheifets something, apparently the formula.

"The third secretary from Washington contacted Nelson at his home and talked about getting in touch with other staff members at the Radiation laboratory. During this conversation, the agent tapping Nelson's home heard the third secretary count out 10 bills. Nelson exclaimed, 'You count out money like you're a banker.' The third secretary said that for any more information, there would be more money.

"It was at this time that Velde was put on the second-story squad. From the recorded conversation -- the first concrete evidence of espionage on the West coast -- the investigation pointed to Arthur Adams, who was thought to be the spy ring head.



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"When Judge Velde left the FBI in 1945, enough evidence had been gathered against the 150 U. S. Communists and fellow travelers to make cases against them for peacetime espionage, he said.

"The FBI labeled the affair the Comrap case, a contraction for Communist Apparatus.

"The FBI never followed up the investigation to obtain convictions of the 150 involved, however, Judge Velde said, for some reason unknown to him. Before prosecutions could have been instituted, he said, it would have been necessary to get the consent of Attorney General Biddle. Judge Velde understood all reports on the investigation were furnished to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"Judge Velde left Peoria by plane at 6 p.m. Thursday and took the 7:45 p.m. plane out of Chicago to Washington."

There are attached hereto two copies of the release as it appeared in "The Peoria Star" newspaper.

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Judge HAROLD H. VELDE is presently County Judge of Tazewell County and resides at Pekin, Illinois. He is known to Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of this office, who are [redacted] at Peoria. I met Judge VELDE on the evening of September 1, 1948, when I was in Pekin to address a joint meeting of the service clubs of Pekin. Judge VELDE introduced me at that time. I spent approximately three hours with Judge VELDE after the meeting, during which time we discussed various phases of the Bureau's work and he related to me his experiences while in the FBI. VELDE at that time stated that he had frequently been requested by different groups and individuals to tell them concerning his work with the Bureau, but that he always refrained from discussing these matters because he was aware of the confidential nature of his work, and that he knew this information should not be disclosed by him.

As you recall, approximately March 19, 1948 I called the Bureau's attention to a speech made by SA-[redacted] on Communist matters in Peoria, Illinois. This matter came up for discussion between VELDE and myself, and VELDE criticized [redacted] for making the disclosures he had made, stating that [redacted] should have known better.

VELDE impressed me at that time as being a conscientious and sincere individual and a good friend of the Bureau, and he definitely expressed himself as holding the Director and the Bureau in high esteem.



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No inquiries have been made by this office relative to the above release, and no action will be taken by this office, pending advice from the Bureau.

Since my discussion with Inspector [REDACTED] <sup>b6 b7c</sup> another release has been made in this matter by "The Peoria Journal and Transcript". It apparently is merely a rehash of "The Peoria Star" article. I am attaching hereto for your information two copies of the article appearing in "The Peoria Journal and Transcript" as of September 17, 1948.

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Judge Harold H. Velde of Pekin, Republican nominee for Congress and wartime FBI special agent, left Peoria for Washington, D. C., Thursday night, to testify before the House Un-American Affairs committee. He was called to the capital at the request of Committee Chairman J. Parnell Thomas. Thomas' group has recently been questioning Steve Nelson, allegedly once a chief operator of the NKVD spy system. Judge Velde was stationed with the FBI in California in 1943 when Nelson was under investigation there. The GOP candidate served on the San Francisco Communist Squad for two years as a member of the "second-story squad," which installed microphones and tapped

# Washington Judge Velde Atomic Sec

THE PEORIA STAR  
September 17, 1950

"THE PEORIA JOURNAL AND TRANSCRIPT"  
Peoria, Illinois  
September 17, 1948



—Journal Staff Photo

**SUMMONED** to Washington to testify before the House Un-American activities committee, County Judge Harold H. Velde of Pekin (above) is shown as he boarded a TWA plane at the Peoria Municipal airport last night. Accepting the judge's ticket is Stewardess Betty Rodenbaugh of Pittsburgh, Pa. Judge Velde, a former FBI agent and Republican nominee for the congressional seat vacated by Rep. Everett M. Dirksen, will testify relative to the operation of Communists in the San Francisco area where he was formerly

## EX-FBI AGENT TO BE HEARD

### *Judge Velde To Testify In House Red Inquiry*

County Judge Harold H. Velde, a special agent with the FBI during World War II, was in Washington today, preparing to testify before the House un-American affairs committee, which is investigating Russian spy activities.

Judge Velde, Republican nominee for representative in Congress for the Eighteenth district, was assigned to San Francisco during 1943 and 1944 during the west coast investigation of the Communist party.

While serving with the FBI, Mr. Velde said, Steve Nelson, an operator for the NKVD, was under investigation, but apparently never was indicted. In recent weeks, the House committee has been investigating Nelson's wartime activities.

Judge Velde was requested to go to Washington by J. Parnell

Thomas, chairman of the committee.

## LATEST IN GOP TECHNIQUE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. — The latest in Republican election techniques was unveiled today before the House un-American Committee.

Former FBI Agent Harry H. Velde, Pekin, Ill., stepped up to the witness stand and said he had played a "very small part" in an investigation of alleged atomic espionage by the Soviet Union in San Francisco during the war.

Then he told the committee "it is generally believed that (Soviet) consular officials were involved" in espionage.

Asked if the Soviet embassy assisted alleged espionage, Velde volunteered:

"I suppose that Embassy officials could be described as consular."

The mystery of Velde's appearance was cleared up when it was disclosed that Velde, now a county judge in Illinois, is running on the Republican ticket for the House seat being vacated by Rep. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.).

Meanwhile, the un-Americans issued a subpoena for Louise Branstetter, formerly of San Francisco. Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-N.J.) said he wanted to question her about an alleged atom spy.

The committee had previously claimed Miss Branstetter contributed to the Wallace for President committee. And grilling of Miss Branstetter is expected to include an attempt to smear the Wallace campaign.

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Director, FBI

September 28, 1948

SAC, Springfield

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Press Release, "The Peoria Star"  
Friday, September 17, 1948, Quoting  
Judge Harold H. Velde, Pekin, Illinois,  
Former Special Agent

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ON 9-22-99  
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Reference is made to previous correspondence from Springfield  
in this matter.

There is transmitted herewith letter dated September 21, 1948,  
which I received from Judge Harold H. Velde. The letter is  
self-explanatory.

Also enclosed herewith and attached to said letter is copy of  
a news release which apparently is the story referred to by him  
in the second paragraph of instant letter.

For the Bureau's information, I have acknowledged VELDE's letter,  
merely advising him that I am referring the matter to the Bureau.

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COUNTY COURT  
TAZEVELL COUNTY  
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September 21, 1948

Mr. James Poster  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Mr. Poster:

RE: Peoria Star Article  
17 September 1948

I should like to make an explanation to you and Mr. Hoover personally of the article above referred to, a copy of which I believe you have.

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When I was called to Washington by J. Parnell Thomas, Chairman of the House un-American activities committee, I was requested to appear the following morning before the committee. In order to make necessary travel arrangements, I called [redacted] of the Peoria Star to assist me. He advised that he would and that I should later drop into the office and pick up my plane reservations. Of course [redacted] wanted a story immediately upon my advising him of the trip. I prepared a story, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, and suggested that he use this story which he promised to do.

I had known [redacted] for several years and erroneously supposed that he would print the story as requested and not go into further details. He did, however, proceed to write or cause to be written the article which you have, which may have some serious effect on your further investigations. I am happy to note, however, that this article was not reprinted in any of the other newspapers in this vicinity or throughout the country. I am very sorry that it did get into print to this extent, however.

Let me assure you that I never stated to [redacted] or anyone that the Federal Bureau of Investigation ever authorized wire tapping; other statements made in the article also are untrue.

I have always been proud of my connection with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and if elected to Congress, I will continue supporting your organization. I attempted to call Mr. Hoover while in Washington last Saturday, but was advised that he was not in the office and knew later from newspapers that he was ill. I sincerely trust that his recovery is rapid and complete.

Sincerely,

/s/ Harold H. Velde  
HAROLD H. VELDE

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Enc.

JUDGE VELDE IS  
CALLED TO CAPITAL  
BY HOUSE GROUP

Tazewell County Judge Harold H. Velde, republican nominee for Congress was called to Washington, C. C., yesterday afternoon at the request of Chairman J. Parnell Thomas of the House un-American activities committee.

While it is not generally known here, Judge Velde was a special agent of the FBI during World War II and was stationed at San Francisco and Oakland, Cal., during the time it is alleged that the communist spy ring was attempting to obtain information about the atom bomb.

The house un-American Activities committee recently had been questioning Steve Nelson, who is alleged to have been one of the chief operators of the NKVD Russian spy ring organization. This same Nelson was living in Oakland, Cal., during the time that Judge Velde was stationed there.

The judge left noword with his office here except that he had been called to Washington to talk to Mr. Thomas.

HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE - former SA

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Last assigned: Chicago

Last efficiency rating: Very Good (8-30-45)

## New Faces in Congress

### Harold H. Velde, Taking Over Seat Of Dirksen, Is Former FBI Agent

A former FBI agent, attorney and Illinois county judge will take the seat in the House vacated by Chairman Dirksen of the House District Committee, who did not seek re-election.

He is Judge Harold H. Velde of Pekin, Ill., Mr. Dirksen's home city. A Republican, he defeated Dale E. Sutton, Democrat, also of Pekin, in the November election.

Because Illinois was redistricted, however, Judge Velde, 38, will represent the 18th Congressional District instead of the 16th, which sent Mr. Dirksen to Congress.

Born on a farm, the representative-elect spent 12 years on farm work before going to Bradley Uni-

versity and later to Northwestern University. In 1931, he became athletic coach and teacher at Hillsdale Community High School for four years. After attending the University of Illinois Law School, he began to practice law, which he continued until he entered the Army as a private in the Signal Corps. After discharge from the service, he became a special agent of the FBI, specializing in sabotage and counter-espionage. As judge of Tazewell County, he has never had a decision reversed by a higher court. He is president of the Tazewell Bar Association, and campaign



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MR. TOLSON

October 11, 1948

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FORMER AGENTS [REDACTED] AND VELDE

The following are submitted as proposed statements to  
make before the Senate Committee and, if approved, before the  
House Committee on the day they report for the first time.

"Harold Himmel Velde" of Taxewell County, Illinois, while a  
Special Agent of the Bureau received "sound" training. He was also  
assigned for a time to handle Communist investigations in San Francisco.  
He resigned in 1945. He returned to the practice of law and was later  
designated County Judge of his native county in Illinois. He is now  
Republican nominee for Congress. On September 17, 1948, two Pacific  
Illinois newspapers carried items disclosing Velde as a member of the  
Communist "second-story squad" who had installed microphones and  
tapped telephones and had maintained a technical surveillance on  
Communist headquarters and Steve Nelson's home in San Francisco.  
He testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and  
gave inaccurate information in part and, in fact, numerous items in  
his testimony were found to be inaccurate. He also disclosed in  
his testimony information not published that the Bureau had a wire  
tapped in San Francisco.

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"These two items and identities are cited officially so that you can share in the contempt for the action of these two former agents because of their violation of their oaths, their violation of the ethics of the profession and disclosure to unauthorized sources, and the disclosure of inaccurate information to any source."

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October 5, 1948

RE: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE

On September 17, 1948, Harold Himmel Velde, a former Special Agent, testified under oath in an Executive Session before a Special Subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives.

Harold Velde was born in Tazewell County, Illinois, on April 1, 1910. Velde entered on duty as a Special Agent on November 16, 1942, and thereafter was assigned to the Salt Lake City Field Division on February 12, 1943, to the San Francisco Field Division on June 18, 1943, and to the Chicago Field Division on June 27, 1945. During the time that Velde was in active service he received sound and lock training. Commencing on about January, 1944, Velde was assigned in the San Francisco Office to work on Communist investigations and subsequently was assigned to technical surveillances and the maintenance of technical plants which were being operated in conjunction with Communist and Russian espionage investigations.

Velde resigned from the Bureau effective September 28, 1945. It thereafter appears that he entered the private practice of law, subsequently achieving the position of County Judge of Tazewell County, Illinois. At the time of his appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities it was indicated that he was the Republican nominee for Congress from the 18th District of Illinois.

Prior to Velde's appearance as a witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities local newspapers ("The Peoria Star," September 17, 1948, and "The Peoria Journal and Transcript," September 17, 1948) carried news releases of Velde's contemplated appearance before the House Committee. In these news stories attention was called to Velde's employment with the Bureau during the period of the war and particularly to his assignment with the San Francisco Office. In the news story appearing in "The Peoria Star" on September 17, 1948, it was stated that Velde was assigned to the "San Francisco Communist squad for two years as a member of the 'second-story squad' which installed microphones and tapped telephones in order to get information from Communist headquarters in that city and from Steve Nelson's home." The news story which appears to be predicated on statements of Velde recounts in an inaccurate way the story of the meeting between Joseph Woodrow Weinberg and Steve Nelson at which meeting Nelson solicited and obtained espionage data regarding atomic experimentation at the University of California, Radiation Laboratory. This meeting occurred on March 29, 1943. The news story refers to the fact that the meeting was covered through an FBI Agent who "was tending the wire taps on Communist headquarters and Nelson's home...." The news story also leaves the inference that the telephone wires of the Russian Consulate in San Francisco were tapped.

In his appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Velde testified generally to the meeting between Steve Nelson and Joseph Weinberg referred to above and the subsequent meeting between Nelson and Peter Ivanov, Soviet secretary, (Velde inaccurately testified that this was a meeting between Nelson and Gregori Kheifets.); the meeting between Steve Nelson and Vassili Zubilin, Third Secretary of the Soviet Embassy; he also attempted to give testimony concerning the activities of Louise Bransten, a prominent Communist member who was under investigation for Soviet espionage activities, and Dr. Bernard Peters, a former employee at the Radiation Laboratory.]

A review of the testimony of Velde discloses numerous inaccuracies in it, and it will be noted that other portions of his testimony are wholly without any basis in fact. 7

The disclosure by Harold Velde of investigative techniques and the identification by him of some of these techniques as recounted in the news story is bound to adversely effect the Bureau's coverage in Soviet espionage cases. In this regard it is pointed out that when the House Committee's report is brought to the attention of the Soviet Intelligence services they will be made cognizant to some extent of the nature of the coverage which the Bureau had. When reading the report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, it will be obvious to the Soviets that Steve Nelson was thoroughly covered and that the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco and personnel assigned to this Consulate were likewise covered.

CC: MR. LADD  
MR. FLETCHER  
MR. WHITSON

The Attorney General

March 16, 1949

Director, FBI

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HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ON 9-22-99  
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Reference is made to your request of this date for information concerning the assignments on which Velde worked while on duty in the San Francisco Office of this Bureau.

On June 18, 1943, Velde was transferred to the San Francisco Office of this Bureau from our Salt Lake City Office to which he was first assigned from Training School. From the time of his arrival in San Francisco until January, 1944, he was employed on investigation of violations of the Selective Training and Service Act. Beginning in January, 1944, he was assigned for a short while to investigation of Communist matters and thereafter, because of his training in sound and radio equipment, he was assigned to the installation, maintenance and repair of technical surveillance equipment. He was transferred from the San Francisco Office of this Bureau to our Chicago Office effective June 27, 1945.

It will be recalled that Harold Velde has made reference to the Bureau's investigation involving Joseph Woodrow Weinberg, who was formerly employed on atomic research at the University of California in Berkeley, California.

In connection with the above, it will be noted that during the evening of March 29, 1943, Steve Nelson, then a functionary for the Communist Party in Alameda County, California, solicited and obtained information from an individual identified only as "Joe" concerning the Army's atomic energy experimentation then being conducted at the University of California in Berkeley, California. This individual, "Joe," was identified by Military Intelligence investigation as Joseph Woodrow Weinberg and the Bureau was so advised by letter dated June 12, 1943, from [redacted] of the War Department Military Intelligence Services. Because of Weinberg's employment on Atomic Energy Research the investigation of his activities, following his identification, was conducted by the Military Intelligence Division. On March 31, 1944, Weinberg was separated from his employment in atomic research and the investigation of his activities was taken over by the Bureau.

With regard to the above, it is observed that the meeting between Nelson and Weinberg occurred prior to the time that Velde was assigned to our San Francisco Office. Also it will be noted that subsequent to the time when

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TIME 10:20 AM  
DATE 2-12-49  
BY [signature]

[Handwritten initials and signatures]

**Memorandum to the Attorney General**

**this Bureau took over the investigation of Weinberg, as of March 31, 1944, the investigation disclosed no meetings between Nelson and Weinberg.**

**Although the Weinberg case was not assigned to Velde, due to the nature of his assignments in the San Francisco Office he had an opportunity to become familiar with investigation conducted in the more important cases in that office.**

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 16, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

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*HAROLD VELDE*

The Attorney General called on March 16 and stated that he had seen on the Wire Service reference to a statement made by Congressman Velde, a former Bureau Agent, to the effect that he, Velde, was urging the House Committee on Un-American Activities Committee to look into the handling of the Scientist "Mr. X".

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The Attorney General asked me to check and let him know what phase of the Weinberg case Agent Velde worked on.

An appropriate memorandum is being prepared for transmittal to the Attorney General on this matter.

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# Ex-FBI Man and GOP Veteran Slated for House Spy Posts

By RAYMOND WILCOVE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (INS).—A former FBI counterespionage expert and a influential veteran Republican leader were tentatively slated today to become the new GOP members of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

They are Rep. Velde (Ill.), 38, a freshman Congressman and former FBI man, and Rep. Case (S. D.), in Congress since 1937.

It was learned they were selected from 11 candidates by a subcommittee of the Republican Committee on Committees. Their assignments must be approved by the full committee and by a party caucus next week.

The choice of the two along with Rep. Thomas (R.-N. J.) and Rep. Nixon (R.-Calif.) would complete the committee roster for the session.

Five Democrats, all attorneys, were named last week by the party caucus which saw two states rights Democrats, Reps. Rankin ((Miss.) and Hebert (La.) ousted from the spy-hunting unit.

Nixon has announced he will continue to serve on the House group, but Republican House leaders are reported to conflict with him, which may prevent his reassignment to the committee.

Thomas, who has been in poor health recently from a long-standing stomach ailment.

Case, a former newspaper publisher, has not requested to be assigned to the committee, but is expected to acquiesce to the personal request of Minority Leader Martin (R.-Mass.)

Velde, who also is a new member of the House Labor Committee, was a former special agent of the FBI, where he specialized in anti-sabotage and counterespionage work during the war. He testified before the committee during its spy hearings last Fall.

A graduate of Illinois University Law School, he enlisted in the Army in World War II as a private and subsequently joined the FBI.

He was elected county judge of Taxewell County, Ill., and while on the bench never had one of his decisions reversed by a higher court.

The five Democratic members are Reps. Wood (Ga.), chairman; Walter (Pa.), Harrison (Va.), McSweeney (O.), and Moulder (Mo.). Wood is the only hold-over majority member.

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REP. CASE (R.-S.D.)  
One of GOP members assigned to the committee.

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EX - FBI AGENT MAY JOIN  
IN LL SPY PROBERS

A FORMER FBI AGENT WHO SPECIAL-  
ized in counter-espionage and sabo-  
tage has the inside track today for  
a Republican seat on the House Un-  
American Activities Committee. He  
is 38-year-old freshman Rep. Harold  
H. Velde (Ill.), who figured in the  
committee's investigation of atomic  
espionage last fall. He appeared as  
a witness on alleged Red spy ac-  
tivities in California. At the time,  
he was a judge in Texewell Coun-  
ty, Ill.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson  
FROM : L.B. Nichols

DATE: 1-14-49

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SUBJECT:

HAROLD VELDE

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For record purposes former Special Agent [redacted] now associated with the House Un-American Activities Committee, called on January 12, to advise that a story appeared concerning him in the Washington Daily News, that the news story stated that he was on leave of absence from the Bureau. [redacted] stated that this, of course, was not true and immediately after noting it, he wanted to call to state that he had not given out the information. I told him we understood this and appreciated his call. He then stated that also he had been instructed by Congressman Nixon to pass the word on to me that he, Nixon, had heard that there was a rumor being circulated that Nixon was after the Director and the Bureau. Nixon says that there is no truth to this, that he is on the side of the Bureau and the Director, and if we ever want proof we should ask him for it. I told [redacted] we appreciated his comments but that I also recall very distinctly Nixon calling me on the phone recently late at night, requesting that I advise nobody but the Director about the call, and I also recall that a couple of weeks later Nixon issued a statement to the press wherein he had said that the FBI was cognizant of certain developments in the Hiss-Chambers case because he, Nixon, had personally told the FBI. I told [redacted] that he could tell Nixon for me that actions speak louder than words.

[redacted] further told me that there was a great deal of tugging from down there on who would make up the new committee and there was a very good possibility that former Agent Velde would go on the committee. You will recall that he was the individual who asked to be heard by the committee to testify that he was head of the second story squad.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: March 16, 1949

Mr. Tolson ☒

Mr. Clegg ☒

Mr. Glavin ☒

Mr. Ladd ☒

Mr. Nichols ☒

Mr. Rosen ☒

Mr. Tracy ☒

Mr. Egan ☒

Mr. Gurnea ☒

Mr. Harbo ☒

Mr. Mohr ☒

Mr. Pennington ☒

Mr. Quinn Tamm ☒

Tele. Room ☒

Mr. Nease ☒

Miss Holmes ☒

Miss Gandy ☒

Former SAC Pieper called me on the phone from San Francisco this morning. The local reporters out there have contacted him as a result of statements made by Congressman Velde pertaining to his work while assigned as a Special Agent in the San Francisco Office.

Pieper has taken the position with the papers that it would be improper for him to make any comment since he is no longer in the Bureau; however, he expressed the viewpoint to the reporters contacting him that he thinks it is most unethical for Velde to be making the statements which he has made and which, to Pieper's knowledge, do not thoroughly reflect the facts.

Pieper wondered if we wanted him to make any public statement and said if we did he would say whatever we desired, even to the extent of putting Velde in his place. He further indicated his recollection of Velde was favorable and that he felt if somebody had a heart-to-heart talk with Velde some good might be accomplished.

Pieper feels it will be necessary for him to be in the East in the near future and at that time if we desire he will be very happy on his own to go up and see Velde and endeavor to set him straight on his inclination to issue statements.

I told Pieper we would consider this when he came East but at the moment it was felt he should take no further action.

LBN:hmc

No use. He is a Congressman now.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*  
 FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HB*  
 SUBJECT: HUAC  
 CONGRESSMAN HAROLD H. VELDE  
 (FORMER SPECIAL AGENT)

DATE: March 28, 1949

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

At 9:50 a.m. today SAC McSwain of Chicago stated that last evening he heard a portion of a broadcast in which Harold H. Velde was being interviewed. He stated Velde made the statement that the HCUA would reopen some spy cases and he, Velde, knew former Special Agents and he would have them come and testify as to their knowledge of spy activities.

SAC McSwain stated he could not as yet identify the source of the broadcast but he would make inquiries. At 5:45 p.m., he called in again and stated that he had ascertained that the program was actually a recording cut in Washington and sent out to Chicago for broadcasting purposes. It was on a program entitled "Reports to the People" over Station WMAQ (NBC), 10:15 p.m., Chicago time. He stated he had arranged to get a duplicate cutting of the record and he would send it in.

ACTION:

When the recording is received from the Chicago Office, it should be transcribed to see what further action is appropriate.

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HAROLD H. VELDE

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THE DESERET NEWS  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
MARCH 16, 1949

Re: HAROLD H. VELDE  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
Mr. Gurnea ✓  
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Mr. Pennington ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

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## Ex-FBI Agent Speaks New Spy Ring Probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—A former FBI agent, Rep. Velde (R-Ill.), demanded Wednesday that the House un-American activities committee reopen an investigation of "Scientist X" and a Russian "atomic spy ring."

The committee is understood to have new evidence.

Now a committee member, Velde was in the FBI's sabotage and counter-espionage division from 1943 to 1946.

During that period, he said, "a Russian espionage ring was uncovered which was perhaps the most treacherous known in history." He said Scientist X, identified only as a former University of California professor, was involved.

The committee looked into atomic spying in secret sessions last year. Velde was one of the witnesses. That was before he was elected to Congress.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

CHICAGO 90, ILLINOIS



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FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

March 29, 1949

Director, FBI

ATTENTION: INSPECTOR H. B. FLETCHER

Re: REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD H. VELDE

Dear Sir:

With reference to my telephonic communication with Inspector Fletcher on March 28, 1949, there are transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau the records bearing the remarks of Representative Velde over the Chicago outlet of the National Broadcasting Company on Sunday night, March 27, 1949.

These records were secured in a confidential manner from an office contact at the National Broadcasting Company offices in Chicago, no record having been made in their offices as to the disposition of these records.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
H. McSWAIN  
SAC

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**Red Spies Escaped -  
U. S., Says Rep. Velde**

CHICAGO, March 27 (AP). Rep. Velde (R) of Illinois, a former FBI agent, said tonight he understands that "several of the most dangerous members of a Communist atomic spy ring have escaped from the country."

He said in a radio interview that he is urging the House un-American activities committee, of which he is a member, to reopen its investigation of the atomic spy and the "Scientist X" cases.

He said the Justice department should have arrested members of the spy ring long ago "but I am satisfied there are still enough left in this country to warrant this investigation and what I hope will be their consequent arrest and prosecution."

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Congressman Hears Atomic Spies Escaped**

Chicago, March 27 (AP) — Representative Velde (R., Ill.), a former FBI agent, said tonight he understands that "several of the most dangerous members of a Communist atomic spy ring have escaped from the country."

He said he is urging that the House Un-American Activities Committee reopen its investigation of the atomic spy and the "Scientist X" cases.

The freshman Representative from Pekin, Ill., is a member of the committee.

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
Mr. Gurnea ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Pennington ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HB* *0*

SUBJECT: REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN HAROLD VELDE  
Over Chicago Outlet of National Broadcasting Company  
MARCH 27, 1949

DATE: April 1, 1949

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

The following is a transcription of the remarks of Congressman Harold Velde, Illinois, over the Chicago outlet of the National Broadcasting Company on Sunday night, March 27, 1949, secured in a confidential manner by the Chicago Office.

ANNOUNCER:

"Congressman Velde, let's start off with a couple of personal statistics. You're a freshman Congressman and you are from Pekin, Illinois. Right?"

CONGRESSMAN VELDE:

"Right in both respects, Ray, and I am very conscious of the term 'Freshman Congressman.' I have already learned that seniority is one of the most valuable assets a Congressman can have."

A:

"You hold the seat formerly held by Everett Dirksen?"

CV:

"Yes, but I don't mean to intimate that I beat my distinguished predecessor in the last election. You will remember that he did not run for election last April because of an eye ailment, but now I am happy to state that he is almost recovered and we expect him to be back in the swing again in the 1950 campaign."

A:

"Mr. Velde, I have checked you in the big red book, the Congressional Record, and find that you were a Special Agent of the FBI from 1943 to 1946. What sort of investigating did you do with them?"

CV:

"I did the same type of investigation that most other Special Agents did. While in this work, however, I spent a considerable part of my time as a counterespionage agent in San Francisco, California. I am sorry I cannot say too much about the particular type of work I was doing there. Nevertheless, I can say that I was astounded to learn the progress that has been made by the

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"Russian espionage agents in this country working with the diplomatic officials."

A:

"You say you were with the Sabotage and Counterespionage Division of the FBI? I note that you are now with the House Un-American Activities Committee. This seems like a fortunate assignment. Have you found that your FBI background ties in with your Committee work?"

CV:

"Yes, it does, Ray. The Committee has not actually begun any investigative work during this session, but as soon as it is fully organized and its regular staff complete, I am satisfied that a number of Russian espionage agents whom I know personally will be investigated. Of course, I played only a small part in the total investigative setup in the FBI, but I am acquainted with quite a number of former FBI Agents who worked on Communist and Russian investigations in this country and who, I am sure, will be most happy to give information to the Un-American Activities Committee."

A:

"Along that line, did you work on the famous case of Scientist X out there in California?"

CV:

"Yes, I worked on this case while stationed in San Francisco. Scientist X is not the term used by the FBI, however, to designate this espionage case, although he was involved in it. Most of the Agents who worked on this case will wonder why it is so designated by the Un-American Activities Committee. I want to explain that Scientist X has previously appeared before the Committee and has denied any connection with the Russian spy ring, and so the Committee, to make sure that it did not give publicity to a person who might be innocent, refused to reveal his name to the public."

A:

"I see. I wonder if you can tell us a little more about that Russian spy ring operating out there?"

CV:

"Well, quite a number of newspaper reporters have asked that same question of me. I have answered them with 'I don't think it wise for security reasons to reveal any information about this case, at least until the Un-American

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'Activities Committee had ample opportunity to look into it further.' I can say, however, that the Russian spy ring was composed largely of American Communists who operated with NKVD agents and consular and embassy officials in this country. I can say too that, in my opinion, it is one of the most treacherous spy cases in American history."

A:

"Then we the public haven't heard the full story by any means. Is that right?"

CV:

Right again, Ray."

A:

"Well, how is it? Does the House Un-American Activities Committee, of which you are a member, have the full story?"

CV:

"Not by any means, and it is for the purpose of finding out the full story that I have requested a reopening of the case. As I said before, I played only a small part in the investigation of this Russian espionage ring. There are hundreds and hundreds of FBI Agents who spent months collecting evidence in this case. In addition, a great number of Army and Navy intelligence units were working on the matter too. With the help of many former investigating agents and the cooperation of good American citizens, I expect the Committee to turn up additional information which will astound all loyal American citizens."

A:

"Congressman Velde, would you go so far as to say that the Attorney General should step in and pick up the rest of these people involved in the Scientist X case?"

CV:

In my opinion the Attorney General should have stepped in to allow the apprehension and prosecution of the members of the spy ring a long time ago. For some reason or other, prosecution has been withheld. I understand that as a result several of the most dangerous of these espionage agents have escaped from the country. But, I am, however, satisfied that there are still enough left in this country to warrant this investigation, and what I hope will be their consequent arrest and prosecution."

A:

"Well, how soon, Ed, do you think the atomic spy ring case will be reopened? I perhaps should say should be reopened."

CV:

"The case should be opened immediately; however, it will be some little time in my opinion before sufficient information can be obtained to warrant the disclosure to the public of the names, dates and places of these acts of treason, espionage and sedition."

A:

"Well, Congressman Velde, I think we have covered that pretty well. Now, let's go on to something else....."

The remainder of the broadcast deals with Congressman Velde's activities and opinions as regards the new labor bill. Congressman Velde is a member of the House Education and Labor Committee. He also sets forth his ideas regarding the rent control bill.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: April 5, 1949

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT:

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[REDACTED] of the House Committee on Un-American Activities called for Mr. Tolson and I took the call. He stated that he had talked to Congressman Walter who stated that Mr. Tolson had spoken to him about Congressman Velde, the former Bureau Agent, contacting various former Special Agents of the Bureau in an effort to secure Un-American Activities on the Weinberg case. (Mr. Tolson had not talked to Congressman Walter. Apparently the Attorney General or someone from the Department had based on the memorandum which the Bureau sent to the Attorney General. I did not, however, correct [REDACTED] re this.)

I advised [REDACTED] that Velde had been contacting numerous former Agents as indicated above. [REDACTED] stated that the Committee was a little perturbed at this action and wanted the Bureau to know that the Committee had not sanctioned Velde's actions and further to assure the Bureau that the Committee would not issue any subpoenas for any former Special Agents.

I expressed appreciation to [REDACTED] for this action and advised him that I would inform you of his call.

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cc - Mr. Tolson

HAROLD VELDE

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: April 8, 1949

FROM : D. L. LADD *sh*

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN H. H. VELDE

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[REDACTED] former Special Agent of the Bureau, left with me the attached copy of a letter which former Special Agent [REDACTED] directed to Congressman Velde with reference to Velde's request that he, [REDACTED] testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee concerning his work as a former Bureau Agent.

[REDACTED] has made a very suitable reply to Velde and it was thought that you would be interested in seeing it.

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An excellent letter I hope Velde gives it real thought.

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

April 4, 1949

Honorable Harold H. Velde  
18th District, Illinois  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Hal:

I hope you will forgive me for taking a few extra days in which to reply to your good letter of March 28, 1949, but frankly, I have been trying to do a little soul searching, as it were, to see where I might be able to stand on a matter which I know is close to both our hearts.

You say that I hold the key to a successful investigation in the Comrap case, and for the last few days I have been trying to figure out just how this might be so. I fear I am forced to the reluctant conclusion that I am really not in such an advantageous position. Thinking back over the things that I do recall about Comrap, I actually do not, by virtue of my former position, have any direct evidence which would be of any probative value whatsoever insofar as a successful prosecution of the leading subjects in the case is concerned. Actually, from reading newspaper accounts of previous Committee hearings, much of what I do recall about the case has already been presented, and as a matter of fact, in better detail than I could perhaps recount myself. So much for my first reaction to your letter.

Secondly, the things that I do recall I, of course, learned as a result of the confidential position which I enjoyed with respect to the F.B.I., and quite naturally I would feel a reluctance to breach that confidence if, in fact, the Bureau did not look with favor upon my testimony. Here, it would seem, you or the Committee as a whole, might be able to get a favorable reaction from Mr. Hoover, or the Attorney-General, insofar as the reopening of the Comrap investigation is concerned. Actually, of course, as you perhaps yourself recall, any direct evidence to prove either espionage, treason, or perhaps contempt of Congress on the basis of testimony on the part of the principals in the Comrap case before the House Committee, would necessarily have to come from Bureau files. As I mentioned before, I personally cannot produce any direct evidence.

The other thought that occurs to me centers around the balancing of the good that might result from a reopening of the Comrap case as opposed to the harm which might be done to current Bureau investigations. Frankly, Hal, from a legal standpoint, even if the Bureau were to shoot everything it has in a prosecution of Steve Nelson et al, I regret to say that I doubt seriously that the Bureau's file

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do contain enough direct and admissible evidence to secure a conviction. You, of course, will recall that this is no particular fault of the Bureau, and you will also recall the source of much of the Bureau's information. As against this, we have the possibility of reopening the investigation and re-hashing to a large extent that which has appeared in many papers already, and I really believe that such a procedure should be discussed in full with the Bureau to see if it would in any wise embarrass current investigations by virtue of having confidential Bureau techniques again more or less flaunted in the face of today's subjects.

I think you will recall from our own very pleasant association in San Francisco that I am about as ready as the next one to nail one of those B----- to the yard arm, but honestly and in all sincerity, under present day conditions, and particularly in view of what has already been publicized, I cannot for the life of me see what a re-investigation of the Comrap case as such could do insofar as the credit side of the ledger is concerned.

As a matter of fact, I have given a lot of thought to the operation of the House Un-American Activities Committee, both while I was in the service of the Bureau, and since my resignation as well. I am sure that both of us decry some of the past actions of the Committee, but at the same time, I am convinced that one of the most tremendous jobs of public service to the country as a whole can be carried on by such a committee if it were handled properly. I don't mean to set myself up as a judge of what a Congressional Committee should or should not do, but I do believe that by virtue of the several years experience on the subject which is paramount in the Committee's mind, I do have a right at least to form an opinion which may be somewhat better than that of others who perhaps have only read the headlines and, unfortunately, at times misleading headlines.

As I mentioned, the Committee has accomplished many fine things, and I think one of the outstanding services that it has performed is exemplified in the Hiss controversy. In that instance I do believe the American people have been informed of a tragically serious situation which, perhaps for reasons better known to others than myself, was not being handled with the requisite amount of, shall we say, aggressiveness. Again, I am sure through no fault of the Bureau. The House Committee should operate as a fount of public information about Communism and its many facets as they appear in our everyday life. It should be operated on such a plane that, when it speaks the public will know that it does speak out of factual knowledge and basic fair dealing.

I didn't mean to preach a sermon, but I think you can tell that the subject is still one that is close to my heart. I do want to do anything I can in which I feel that I am aiding the cause we both support, and I hope this letter will help you to explain to Chairman Wood just where I do stand in this particular case. There is a

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very good chance that I will be in Washington somewhere around the 25th of this month, and I will, of course, be more than glad to sit down with you and discuss some of the thoughts which I have expressed, rather badly I fear, herein.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

RLK:vkm

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

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March 31, 1949

RECORDS SECTION

DECLASSIFIED BY SP5JCS/SES  
ON 9-22-99  
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This Bureau has been confidentially advised by separate sources that Congressman Harold H. Velde, a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and a former Bureau Special Agent, has indicated the intentions of the Committee to reopen certain espionage and Communist matters which were investigated by the Bureau. These matters principally involve the subjects Steve Nelson, Joseph Woodrow Weinberg, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and have previously been given publicity by the Committee. In furtherance of the Committee's plans, Congressman Velde, reportedly with the approval of Congressman Wood, Chairman of the Committee, has already contacted and endeavored to solicit the cooperation of two of our former Special Agents.

Congressman Velde, claiming that he has been designated a committee of one to conduct a preliminary investigation, states that the Committee's action is not intended to embarrass the present administration, but the action is taken for the purpose of studying needed legislation. Velde states that the Committee can promise anonymity to those who furnish information and that cooperation with the Committee is urged as a duty of citizenship. Reportedly, the House Committee on Un-American Activities does not feel that they can obtain the information needed by them by subpoenaing the subjects in the previously-referred-to investigations as these persons uniformly seek constitutional immunity against self-incrimination.

The above data are being furnished to you for your information.

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME <u>10:60 AM</u>
DATE <u>5-1-49</u>
BY <u>WAB</u>

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT *PX*

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher

Date: March 24, 1949

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

PURPOSE:

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The purpose of this memorandum is to record a telephone conversation I had with SAC Cornelius of the Albany Office at 3:50 PM today regarding the captioned individual. *H.H. VELDE*

DETAILS:

Mr. Cornelius stated [REDACTED]

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Mr. Cornelius pointed out [REDACTED]

According to Mr. Cornelius. [REDACTED]

According to Mr. Cornelius, further information concerning [REDACTED]

Mr. Cornelius pointed out a fact which he considered to be significant in that Harold H. Velde, Congressman from Illinois who is now a member of the HUCA, was at one time a Special Agent of the Bureau and was assigned to the San Francisco Office and, in fact, was familiar with the case in which [REDACTED] was involved. He said it is his opinion that Velde is responsible for subpoenaing [REDACTED] to appear before the HUCA inasmuch as he is probably the only member of the Committee who is familiar with [REDACTED] activities.

ACTION:

This memorandum should be routed to the Espionage Section for its information.

FJB:TD

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

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WASHINGTON FROM SFRAN S6 3-31-49 11-24 AM RN

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ATTENTION — ASSISTANT DIRECTORS LADD AND NICHOLS

COMRAP. FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED BY FORMER SAC N. J. L. PIEPER  
FROM FORMER SA HAROLD H. VELDE, NOW U. S. CONGRESSMAN FROM ILL.  
"POSSIBLY YOU HAVE NOTED IN THE NEWSPAPERS THAT THE UNACTIVITIES  
COMMITTEE PLANS TO REOPEN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE THEY  
CALL THE SCIENTIST X CASE. JUDGE JOHN WOOD HAS APPOINTED ME AS  
A COMMITTEE OF ONE TO MAKE SOME PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REGARDING  
WHAT THE FBI KNOWS AS THE COMRAP CASE. THE COMMITTEE DESIRES  
DETAILS CONCERNING THIS INVESTIGATION NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
DISCREDITING THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION BY ANY MEANS, BUT FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING NEEDED LEGISLATION WHICH WILL MAKE IT  
IMPOSSIBLE FOR SUCH MEN AS ADAMS AND NELSON TO OPERATE UNHAMPERED  
IN THIS COUNTRY DURING PEACETIME. JUDGE WOOD HAS PROMISED NOT  
TO REVEAL NAMES OF PERSONS FURNISHING ANY INFORMATION ABOUT  
THIS CASE TO THE PUBLIC. I AM THEREFORE WRITING THIS TO ASK  
THAT YOU AS A GOOD AMERICAN CITIZEN COOPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE  
IN BRINGING TO LIGHT SOME OF THE FACTS WHICH HAVE SO LONG REMAINED  
HIDDEN. THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN HELP. IF YOU  
DON'T CARE TO REVEAL YOUR NAME TO THE PUBLIC AS ONE OF THE INFOR-  
MANTS, I AM SATISFIED THAT SUCH COULD BE ARRANGED. YOU CAN EITHER

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COME TO WASHINGTON (AT THE EXPENSE OF THE COMMITTEE) OR I CAN COME TO SAN FRANCISCO AND VISIT WITH YOU AND OTHER FORMER AGENTS TO REVIEW SOME OF THE FACTS AND DETAILS OF THIS CASE. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE PLAYED A SMALL PART IN THE TOTAL INVESTIGATION AND HAVE FORGOTTEN A LOT OF THE FACTS I HAD PERSONALLY KNOWN. THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT FEEL THEY CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION BY SUBPOENAING SUCH MEN AS STEVE NELSON AND OTHERS INVOLVED. AS THEY UNIFORMLY SEEK THE IMMUNITY OF OUR CONSTITUTION AGAINST SELF-INCRIMINATION WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO MY REQUEST AND ADVISE IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO CONFER WITH YOU EITHER IN SAN FRANCISCO OR IN WASHINGTON, D. C. PLEASE GIVE MY REGARDS TO [REDACTED] AND THE REST OF MY FRIENDS IN SAN FRANCISCO. SIGNED HAROLD". PIEPER HAS INDICATED TO ME HE WOULD LIKE TO BE GUIDED BY BUREAU'S DESIRES IN HIS REPLY INCLUDING EXACT PHRASEOLOGY, AND THAT HE WOULD BE MOST CIRCUMSPECT NOT TO EMBARRASS BUREAU. PLEASE ADVISE ANY ACTION SUGGESTED.

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Director's Notation:  
"A. G. should be  
advised of this.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
San Francisco, 2, California  
April 13, 1949

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Director, FBI

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ON 9-22-99  
#442816

Re: COMRAP

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my teletype dated March 31, 1949 concerning correspondence received by former SAC N. J. L. PIEPER from former SA HAROLD H. VELDE, who is now a member of Congress, and to Butel dated April 1, 1949 relative to this matter.

For completion of the Bureau's files, Mr. PIEPER has made available a copy of the letter from Congressman VELDE dated March 29, 1949, together with a copy of former SAC PIEPER's reply, and Congressman VELDE's answer thereto.

Very truly yours,

HARRY M. KIMBALL, SAC

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100-44254-1557  
Mr. Harry Kimball  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Federal Office Building  
Civic Center  
San Francisco, California

Dear Harry:

Attached are copies of a letter I received from Congressman Harold H. Velde, dated March 29th, together with copies of my reply and his answer thereto.

You will recall that I talked to you about this matter over the telephone prior to answering his communication.

I thought that you might want to have copies of this correspondence in order that the files will reflect the action that I took and its present status.

Sufficient copies have been made so that you can send a set to the Bureau if you see fit.

Sincerely,

N.J. L. PIEPER

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HAROLD H. VELDE  
18th District, Illinois

Home Address:  
Pekin, Illinois

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
April 4, 1949

Mr. N. J. L. Pieper<sup>1</sup>

Dear Mr. Pieper:

Thanks very kindly for your letter of April 1 in answer to my recent request.

As I understand the restriction on disclosing events of a confidential nature, it only applies while you are a member of the Department of Justice. However, I understand your viewpoint on this matter and realize, too, that your memory has been dulled by the passage of time as has mine.

I do earnestly urge you to use all your influence and prestige to combat this communistic trend in this country as much as possible. I feel certain that you will.

Best of wishes to you and [REDACTED] for your continued success.

Sincerely,

/s/

Harold

Harold H. Velde M.C.

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The Hon. Harold H. Velde  
Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harold:

Your letter of March 29th has just come to my attention upon my return to San Francisco. I have been away for a short time.

I would like to help you in your assignment, but I am afraid that I cannot be of much help in connection with the matter under inquiry. While I have general recollection, time has dulled my memory. I would find it impossible to testify accurately regarding "specifics" unless I had a chance to refresh my memory from official records, so, unless the Bureau would give me access to the files I am afraid that I would make a very poor witness.

I am also wondering whether or not I would be permitted to testify in view of the restriction that the Bureau placed on utilizing information of a strictly confidential nature secured as a Bureau employee. It is my recollection that I am precluded under the Department of Justice regulations from revealing any information of a confidential nature secured by me while with the Bureau even though I have now left the Bureau service.

Under the circumstances, I am afraid that I'm not much help.

I may be back in Washington within the next several months and will surely give you a call when I am there. [REDACTED] joins me in sending best regards.

With all best wishes for your continued success, I am

Sincerely,

N. J. L. Pieper

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HAROLD H. VELDE  
18th District, Illinois

Home Address:  
Pekin, Illinois

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 29, 1949

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Mr. N. J. L. Pieper

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Pieper:

Possibly you have noted in the newspapers that the Un-American Activities Committee plans to reopen the investigation of the case they call the "Scientist X" case. Judge John Wood has appointed me as a committee of one to make some preliminary investigation regarding what the FBI knows as the "Comrap" case.

The Committee desires details concerning this investigation not for the purpose of discrediting the present Administration by any means but for the purpose of studying needed legislation which will make it impossible for such men as Adams and Nelson to operate unhampered in this country during peacetime. Judge Wood has promised not to reveal names of persons furnishing any information about this case to the public. I am, therefore, writing this to ask that you as a good American citizen to cooperate with the Committee in bringing to light some of the facts which have so long remained hidden. There are several ways in which you can help.

If you do not care to reveal your name to the public as one of the informants, I am satisfied that such could be arranged. You can either come to Washington (at the expense of the Committee) or I can come out to San Francisco and visit with you and other former agents to review some of the facts and details in this case.

As you know, I have played a small part in the total investigation and have forgot a lot of the facts I had personally known. The Committee does not feel that they can obtain information by subpoenaing such men as Steve Nelson and others involved as they uniformly seek the immunity of our Constitution against self incrimination when the going gets tough.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would respond favorable to my request and advise if it would be possible for me to confer with you, either in San Francisco or in Washington, D.C.

Please give my regards to [REDACTED] and the rest of my friends in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

/s/ Harold  
Harold H. Velde, MC

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*Personnel*

**SPY PROBE**  
 Rep. Harold H. Velde (R., Ill.), a former FBI agent, proposed that the House Un-American Activities Committee open its hearings on atomic espionage so the public could see how witnesses give the committee the run-around.

*Pennington*  
*Whitson*

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WASHINGTON AND WFO FROM NEW YORK 38 27 9-54 P  
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\* JAHAM. SA [REDACTED] ADVISES CONGRESSMAN HAROLD H. VELDE, FORMER  
BUREAU AGENT, WHO WAS ONLY WITNESS SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY TODAY, DID  
NOT APPEAR. [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED BY ASSISTANT A. G. ALEXANDER CAMP  
BELL AT NOON TODAY THAT VELDE HAD BEEN SUBPOENAED BUT THAT CAMPBELL  
HIMSELF WOULD EXPLAIN REASONS FOR NON APPEARANCE WHEN HE COMES TO NY  
NEXT WEEK. CAMPBELL DID TELL [REDACTED] THAT SENATOR KARL MUNDT WILL  
APPEAR BEFORE G. J. MAY THIRD NEXT. VELDE ON FOLLOWING DAY AND CON-  
GRESSMAN RICHARD NIXON ON MAY FIFTH.

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\* [REDACTED] Chambers Case)

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June 24, 1949

Honorable Harold H. Velde  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I did want to write you concerning your remarks delivered in the House of Representatives on June 21 with regard to the FBI and my administration of its activities.

You may be sure that the thoughts which prompted your commendatory references were indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours, 255-881-91  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Harold H. Velde was a former Special Agent; EOD 11/16/42; Married; CAF 11; last assigned - Chicago Office; last Efficiency Rating - Very Good; resigned - 9/28/45.

See Page 8241 of the Congressional Record for June 21, 1949, reporting remarks of Congressman Velde in support of the Bureau in the Coplon case.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
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[REDACTED] called me to advise that he had been in conversation with former Agent [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] informed him that he had been approached by Congressman Harold Velde to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

[REDACTED] stated that he was writing up his conversation with [REDACTED] and would send it over to me. The attached memorandum was prepared by [REDACTED] I told [REDACTED] that it seemed to me he had given [REDACTED] a good answer and that if there was anything further we desire him to do on the matter I would be in touch with him.

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"I think we should advise A. G. of this"  
/s/ H.

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b6 Today, [redacted] called to advise that he received a long distance call from St. Louis last evening from former Agent [redacted] who for several years was the [redacted] of the Communist Squad in the San Francisco Field Office, and who is currently with the [redacted] called [redacted] on a personal matter to work out the details of a trip they are taking together, and incidental thereto he mentioned the following item of special interest to the Bureau.

b7c Yesterday, [redacted] received a letter from Congressman Velde, who it will be recalled is a former Agent of the Bureau, and presently a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Velde worked in the San Francisco Office during a portion of the time that [redacted] was the Communist [redacted] there. In his letter to [redacted] Velde indicated that he is determined to reopen the Comrap Case and that Chairman Wood has agreed to go along with him on this. Velde indicated to [redacted] that he, [redacted] holds the key to a successful investigation by the House Committee, and Velde expressed the view that the evidence in this case is such as to warrant to successful prosecution if successfully investigated. Velde's letter stated that Congressman Wood and Velde would fly out to St. Louis on April 8 or 9 to talk with [redacted] if he agreed to discuss the case with them. At this point in the letter Velde made some remark about its being [redacted] patriotic duty to assist in this matter.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that he, of course, wanted no part of it. He indicated to [redacted] that he is quite cognizant of the headlines that Velde and the Committee have been getting for themselves of late on this case; that they now know they are on a spot; and that they are hopeful that they will be gotten off the spot through ex-Agents such as [redacted] stated that his first thought was to call the Bureau, but he realized full well that the Bureau properly could only indicate to him, after recalling his oath to the Bureau, that he would have to make up his own mind. [redacted] stated that he thought too of calling you directly, but felt that this might serve in some way to put you "on the spot". He therefore decided to mention it to [redacted] incidental to the main purpose of his phone call, and he requested [redacted] advice.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that if he, [redacted], were faced with the same circumstances, he would indicate to the Committee that any knowledge he might have of the case was derived by virtue of his official affiliation with the Bureau, and that upon termination of that official affiliation he would be obliged, on the basis of good ethics, and on the basis of his oath to the Bureau, to refuse to furnish any such information to the Committee, referring them at the same time to the Attorney General or the Director of the FBI. [redacted] suggested that such an observation should certainly "strike home" with Velde since he was in the Bureau, and since he, himself, took such an oath but has seen fit to violate it.

█████ stated that he was of the impression that at this point the Committee is dealing with him in a "nice way", knowing that if it wants to it can at a later date subpoena him and put him under oath. (Velde's letter did not say this, but █████ suggested this as a possibility).

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At the termination of the conversation, █████ asked █████ if he would relay the foregoing information to you for such consideration as you deem appropriate. █████ assured him that he would, and thereupon contacted us. █████ stated that he would refrain from replying to Velde's letter for a few days, and then in the absence of any further suggestions from █████ (or, of course, from the Bureau if we are desirous of making any) would respond to Velde's letter in line with the foregoing, indicating (1) that he recalls no information of a particularly relevant nature which he has not already read in the press as spilled by Velde, and as brought out at various Committee Hearings; (2) that, on an ethical basis he considers himself precluded, by virtue of his oath to the Bureau, from disclosing any information which he derived by virtue of his official affiliation with the Bureau; and (3) that in his opinion Velde should more appropriately direct his inquiry to the Attorney General or to you relative to the foregoing.

I told █████ that I would call this matter to your attention and that if you deemed it appropriate, we would be in further touch with him relative thereto.

SPIES FOR REDS STILL MENACE  
IN U. S. REP. VELDE DECLARES

New York, May 6 (AP) - Representative H. Velde (R. Ill.) said today that some former members of a wartime Soviet espionage ring still are running free and are definitely a menace to this country.

Velde a former FBI agent made his statement after testifying before a Federal grand jury investigating subversive activities.

He said the persons he referred to "definitely are a danger to this country because they may be spreading propaganda to overthrow our form of government through force and violence."

Velde said the House Un-American Activities Committee, of which he is a member, has not called a number of former members of the alleged ring "because we have not had too many sessions."

AS an FBI agent Velde worked on espionage investigations on the West Coast. He said he told the grand jury that he did not know of any violations in the New York district.

Before he entered Congress Velde appeared before the House Committee as a witness in the case of Steve Holsch and "Scientist X."

Nelson, Communist Party organizer in western Pennsylvania, was accused of being a spy by the committee. He denied the charge.

Representative Richard M. Nixon (R. Calif.) agreed yesterday that congressional investigators should "stay out" of any espionage case being probed by the jury.

VELDE QUESTIONED 'HARSHLY' BY THE GRAND JURY

New York, May 6 (U.P.) - Representative Harold Velde (R), Ill., member of the Un-American Activities Committee and a sharp critic of the Justice Department, underwent a "harsh" hour and one-half of questioning today before a Federal grand jury investigating Communist espionage.

"They questioned me very harshly," Velde said after his appearance.

The Grand jury reportedly was interested in statements which Velde made about the case of Judith Coplon, former Justice Department employee whom the grand jury indicted in March for espionage. The Congressman was said to have asserted that the department should have known about Miss Coplon's alleged activities long before she was indicted.

Velde said after his appearance today that he felt the grand jury should have the cooperation of congressional committees. He also said he approved the grand jury's suggestion that the statute of limitations should be amended or abolished so that prosecution could go back further than three years.

Velde was an FBI agent himself from 1942 to 1945.

Representative Mundt (R), S. Dak), another committee member, is scheduled to appear before the jury early next week.



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July 12, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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[redacted] of the [redacted] called advising that Congressman Velde has been quoting the FBI as having furnished Judge Kaufman in the Hiss case with two reports made by the Bureau concerning the foreman of the jury in that case.

[redacted] wondered if this was true. I told him there was no comment whatsoever that we would make.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols

C.C. - Mr. Ladd

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Mr. Hoover's Notation, "Right

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## Velde Called by Spy Jury

House Member, Who Was Once an FBI Agent, Says He Is Ready to Aid Inquiry.

Washington, April 29 (A. P.).—Representative Velde (R.-Ill.) said today he had been subpoenaed by a New York Grand Jury for next Wednesday. He saw in this an indication it is investigating Russian atomic espionage.

Velde investigated it, too, while he was an FBI agent in San Francisco before he came to Congress and became a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Velde appeared as a witness last year before the committee of which he now is a member, in connection with the case of Steve Nelson, who the committee has labeled a Red spy, and "Scientist X."

"When I testify," Velde said, "I am going to suggest that the voluminous files the FBI has on this case be presented to the grand jury."

"It may be that the statute of limitation has expired on most of the members of the espionage ring and it would be impossible for the Attorney-General to prosecute in these cases.

"If that is so, I believe the Russian agents who still are in this country should be brought to public light through investigators of the Un-American Activities Committee."

He will be appearing before the same grand jury which urged last Tuesday that all further spy investigations in this country be conducted in secret, including hearings like some of those the committee has held.

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## Fear May Lie Behind Condon-Durr Criticism Of Hoover, Velde Says

Representative Velde, Republican, of Illinois said yesterday that fear of "further revelation of related Communistic associations" may be behind the criticism that Dr. Edward U. Condon and Clifford J. Durr have leveled at FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

As a former FBI agent, Mr. Velde said he wants to go on record as saying that:

"The methods and techniques of investigation used by the FBI have been in entire accordance with our American principles of protection of civil rights."

Mr. Hoover, Mr. Velde said, has leaned over backwards to make all his investigations fair.

Mr. Velde prepared a speech for delivery in the House on the matter, but was unable to get floor time for it. He put the text in the Congressional Record.

Mr. Velde said newspapers the last several days have been carrying stories of attacks on Mr. Hoover by Dr. Condon, director of the National Bureau of Standards, and by Mr. Durr, a lawyer who used to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

"The unmitigated gall of these attackers, if the newspaper reports be true," he said, "could only have been prompted by a fear of further revelation of related communistic associations."

Dr. Condon had demanded that Mr. Hoover apologize because a memo from a confidential informant of the FBI had said Mrs. Condon had put a Washington businessman in touch with a Russian agent. The memo was brought out in the espionage trial of Judith Coplon, suspended Justice Department employee.

"Neither Mr. Hoover nor the Department of Justice," Mr. Velde said, "were responsible for the revelation against Condon in the Judith Coplon trial. Judith Coplon and her attorney must bear the entire responsibility for any associations with Communist activities by Condon and his wife which were revealed by these papers."

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Washington, D.C.  
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# Illinois Lawmaker Spots 'Comrade X'

From Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON--Because of an Illinois congressman's wartime service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 'Comrade X' will become known by his real name in open hearings soon by the House un-American activities committee.

The congressman is 39-year-old Harold H. Velde, Pekin district Republican. From late 1942 to the end of 1945 Velde served in Chicago, Washington and San Francisco as an undercover counter-espionage investigator.

Through his F.B.I. connections he recently became acquainted with 'Comrade X' --as he has been known so far in talk by committee members--who put in 10 years in the Communist party in New York.

## Centered on Nazis

While Velde's F.B.I. work centered mainly on German espionage, he could not help running onto what the

Commies were doing. 'Comrade X' is not expected to reveal much in the way of Russian espionage here, but he has given the committee a small bale of material concerning organization work of the Communists in New York.

He is to testify in open hearings next month. And he probably will be asked about Communist picketing of the White House before Germany invaded Russia, for 'Comrade X' was not only one of those picketing but helped organize it.

The pickets opposed American imperialism. Overnight when the invasion of Russia did begin, the Communist party discovered that the United States was not an imperialist country after all.

## Limit on Prosecution

'Because the three-year statute of limitations has run out,' Velde said, 'persons proved to have engaged in espionage work here beyond that time cannot be prosecuted. But who they are and how they work should be known to the American people.'

Velde was asked to testify before the New York grand jury investigating the work of Communists, but he says the grand jury spent more time trying to find out how he worked for the F.B.I. than in getting leads from him for its job.

During his F.B.I. work in San Francisco Velde helped keep an eye on Arthur Adams, regarded in 1944 and 1945 as one of the main leaders of Communist espionage in this country. Adams disappeared in 1945 and there has been no trace of him since.

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# A-BOMB SPYING PROBED BY U.S., VELDE ASSERTS

## To Answer Grand Jury Subpena Later

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)  
Washington, May 3—Rep. Velde  
(R., Ill.), member of the house

committee on  
un-American ac-  
tivities, today  
told the house  
that the com-  
mittee and the  
New York grand  
jury are inves-  
tigating one of  
the most seri-  
ous espionage  
cases in Amer-  
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tempts of the  
Russian government to secure the  
atomic bomb secret.



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Velde told the house that he  
will not answer a grand jury sub-  
pena to appear before it tomorrow,  
because of the pending labor leg-  
islation in the house, but that he  
plans to testify before the grand  
jury later, possibly on Friday.

He said that the federal grand  
jury subpoenaed him for testimony  
concerning facts he obtained  
while an FBI agent from 1942  
thru 1945, particularly concerning  
Russian espionage activities in  
the San Francisco bay area which  
he investigated between 1943 and  
1945.

Insists On Committee O.K.

"As a member of the un-Amer-  
ican activities committee, I wish  
to say that I will refuse to reveal  
any information obtained as a  
member of that committee until  
authorized to do so by the com-  
mittee as a whole," Velde told  
the house.

"I shall, however, cooperate  
with the grand jury and give them  
any information I may have gained  
as an investigator for the FBI  
until the latter part of 1945.

"The matter which is being in-  
vestigated by the New York grand  
jury and the un-American activi-  
ties committee at this time is, in  
my opinion, one of the most seri-  
ous espionage cases ever de-  
veloped in United States history.

"It involves the attempt by the  
Russian government, working thru  
American Communists and agents  
in this country, to secure the  
secret of the atomic bomb—the  
most powerful weapon the world  
has ever known.

Agents Still Operating

"Whether we like it or not, and  
whether we can successfully pro-  
secute the guilty or not, we do  
know that there are a number of  
Russian espionage agents who  
have been and still are operating  
in this country."

Velde suggested that the laws  
be tightened "to bring to justice  
these dangerous criminals." Since  
they have not been prosecuted  
during the last six years, the  
criminal laws on sedition, es-  
pionage, treason, and conspiracy  
to commit these crimes must be  
revised as determined by the  
committee on un-American activi-  
ties, Velde said.

He suggested extension of the  
statute of limitations beyond the  
present three year period on  
peace time espionage and sedi-  
tion, and also consideration of  
admitting evidence by wire tap-  
ping in criminal cases involving  
national security.

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# U.S. 'Laxity' Aided Reds, Velde Alleges

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Representative Velde (R., Ill.) said yesterday Russia gained three to five years in making an atomic bomb because the American Government "from the White House down" had been tolerant of Communist views.

A former FBI agent who now is a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Velde urged that Congress investigate the "entire security setup" and what he called its "disgraceful" record.

"We should re-assess our whole security program," he said in a prepared statement, "and throw out of office those incompetents who regard their political lives as more important than our national security."

## O'Connor Urges New Laws

Senator O'Connor (D., Md.) went on the air yesterday to urge action of another kind, on laws that would stop Reds from coming to America "under the guise of diplomatic and semi-diplomatic status."

O'Connor said in a broadcast interview (WPIK) that ring leaders of the Communist apparatus in this country are coming in by the hundreds.

He said they are "the brains and the guiding force of subversive activity in this country," the "generals of the Communist fifth column."

Velde, who worked on Red spy cases during and after the war, said in his statement that:

"The Russians undoubtedly gained three to five years in producing the atomic bomb, solely because the American Government for the last 15 years has had the official attitude, from the White House down, of being highly tolerant of, and at times even sympathetic to, the views of Communists and fellow-travelers, with the result that the Federal Government has been infiltrated by a network of spies."

## 150 American Reds Implicated

Velde also declared that:

1. An estimated 150 American Reds and Russian agents were linked directly or indirectly to Soviet attempts to pry secrets of the atomic bomb from scientists who worked on it.

2. Russians spies "are still highly active" in the United States. Numerous cases could be prosecuted without giving away secrets.

3. At this moment we still are giving Russia "an amazing amount of data" that would be of "top military value" in an attack on America. It ranges from harbor defenses to information on jet propulsion and atomic projects. Much of it can be bought by anybody at the Government Printing Office.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 26, 1949

FROM : L. B. Nichols *V, m*

SUBJECT:

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SAC Scheidt called from New York. He had a call from the secretary of George Denny of the American Town Hall of the Air, advising that Denny is contemplating using Harold Velde on the program and he wondered if Scheidt knew him.

Scheidt stated he did not know Velde and there was nothing he could say.

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November 4, 1949

Honorable Harold H. Velde<sup>D</sup>  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Pursuant to [REDACTED] telephonic request  
of [REDACTED] there is enclosed herewith  
a list of qualifications for the position of Special  
Agent in this Bureau, together with an application  
blank.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

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DIRECTOR, FBI

NOVEMBER 1, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

ALLEGED FLOW OF CONFIDENTIAL DATA  
FROM UNITED STATES TO RUSSIA

Re airtel October 13, 1949 requesting this office and the New York Office to examine appropriate files of their offices to determine whether the Bureau possesses any information concerning the statements of Congressman HAROLD VELDE in regard to confidential information having reached the Soviet Union from the United States.

This office is in doubt as to the scope of research requested by the Bureau. As you know, a thorough analysis of information contained in this office on known espionage activities wherein information is either known to have gone to Russia or would logically go there, would entail a review of a great many files and necessitate expending a great deal of time. If the Bureau does not intend a research project of such extent, it is requested that they indicate to the degree possible, the limits of the examination requested.

Further, the New York and Washington Field Offices are in possession of much of the same information owing to work done by both offices in most espionage cases. In many cases, the office of origin has been changed from Washington to New York or visa versa. In this connection, it is requested that the Bureau advise how this situation should be handled to avoid duplication of work.

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FULL REPORT NAMES DR. WEINBERG AS ATOM 'SCIENTIST X' ONCE OF UW.

CHARGES CAP FBI SPY HUNT IN WISCONSIN

Son-in-Law of Mayor of New Glarus Denies, However  
Passing Secrets to Red Agents

By Lawrence C. Eklund

HAROLD VELDE

Excerpt from page 3.

Representative Velde (Rep., Ill) a committee member, spearheaded the drive to wind up the "Scientist X" case. Velde, a former FBI Agent who worked for a time on the "X" case, rounded up three witnesses to back up perjury charges.

MEETING DENIED BY WEINBERG

When Murray appeared here last month behind closed doors, Velde questioned him about a meeting of Nelson and Bernadette Doyle at Weinberg's home in Berkeley on Aug. 12, 1943. Weinberg had previously testified there was no such meeting, and that he did not know Nelson and Miss Doyle.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

JANUARY 11, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am making plans at this time to circulate a 30 minute film throughout my District in Illinois. This film is entirely non-political and non-partisan and is designed for use before service clubs and highschools. It is a sort of travelogue showing many of the buildings and memorials located in our capitol city.

As you are very popular with the school children and other citizens in my District, I feel it would be very nice to include a short of you and the Department of Justice building in this film. I would also like very much to include in this film a picture of one or more of the exhibits you have in your department.

I would appreciate it if you would consider this matter and advise me as soon as possible if it meets with your approval. This film could be made sometime within the next two or three weeks.

With sincere personal regards.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Harold H. Velde  
HAROLD H. VELDE, M.C.

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# Washington Scene

By George Dixon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—We have, in our country today, many questionable organizations which rend the air with noisy protestations of patriotism. But there's one association, which does no talking at all, in which mere membership is tantamount to a badge of loyalty.

Probably you have never heard of it, although it is a national organization with chapters in 28 principal cities. It is the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI.

It has no tie-up with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, any more than a retired ballplayer has with his old team. But it is a very loyal group.

It also provides concrete answer to the question: "What happens to a G-man when he quits the job?" The answer is: "Almost anything."

The Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI has 1,000 members, as of a couple of nights ago when it convened in Washington to elect their officers for the year. These members are in almost every walk of life (which is a cute phrase I just thought up because a lot of them are now too rich to do much walking.)

Three are distinguished members of Congress. One is a movie actor whose name used to be Joe Donohue but whose current cinema name I have forgotten. Upwards of a thousand are lawyers or accountants; four are bank presidents, while others are chiefs of police, racetrack protectors, an antique dealer, a coat-maker, and—I discovered at the dinner—one of my few dozen landlords.

No kidding. In the mob I spotted one of the owners of the place where I live, asked him what



he was doing there, and was informed he used to chase Pretty Boy Floyd instead of intransigent tenants.

It just goes to show. Maybe the quiet, scholarly-looking fellow down the hall from you may have been the guy who turned the heat on Alvin Karpis.

The society started in a small way in New York in 1934 when a group of ex-agents began meeting at irregular intervals to cut up old touches. As coherent an explanation of this as I could obtain at the festivities was advanced by the president of the Washington chapter, Francis D. Finnegan, counsel for the Senate Investigating Committee, which has been known variously as the Truman Committee, Mead Committee, Brewster Committee, Ferguson Committee and now Hoey Committee.

Mr. Finnegan, "Special agents got a lot closer to each other than people in most jobs. Think of the long days and nights we were together. Just sitting there waiting at each other waiting for a suspect to show."

The society grew rapidly during the war when special agents quit to become security heads of war industries. Now, without forcing the issue too much, the members are striving to make it more than a social society. They feel it can be of vital service to the nation.

"We feel," explained real estate tycoon Leonard Viner, "that it is a reserve of specially-trained men upon which the FBI may call in the event of a national emergency."

We had a lovely time at the party, rehashing old kidnappings, machine-gunnings and other frolics. I also got the lowdown on how a couple of Assistant U. S. Attorneys General were able to coax confessions out of stubborn hoodlums in the Harlan, Ky., mine murders a decade ago.

I covered those killings and couldn't understand why the mugs caved in so suddenly. A bit of reminiscing unlocked the secret.

The thugs were solemnly informed that the electric scalp vibrator of Chief Assistant Attorney General Brian McMahon, now the distinguished senior Senator from Connecticut, was a lie detector machine.

The three congressmen members were back home politicking and sent regrets. They are Rep. Omar Burleson, of Texas; George B. Wilson, of Oklahoma; and Harold H. Vellie, of Illinois. To keep things even all down the line, the first two are Democrats, the third a Republican.

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## Rep. Velde Raps Red Probe Critic

Rep. Velde (R) of Illinois, a former FBI agent, tangled in the House yesterday with Rep. Young (D) of Ohio after the latter had stated that not one of the 17,000 State department employees could be proved disloyal or a Communist party member.

"That statement is utterly ridiculous and absurd," declared Velde. "I have had a little more experience investigating Communists than the gentleman has and recognize the difficulty of proving communism, especially in the

State department. For years it has been apparent to the FBI that it would be impossible to investigate thoroughly, let alone recommend prosecution, of any members of the executive branch.

"The FBI is a part of the executive branch and is controlled in its investigations by the President. The FBI cannot investigate thoroughly until permitted to do so.

"When Alger Hiss was first brought before the House committee on un-American activities, Democrats led by the President, called it a witch hunt, asserting that Hiss was a loyal American who couldn't even consider divulging our secret war information to a foreign country. What do they say now about Alger Hiss?

"Then followed the revelation that there were 200 Communists,

homosexuals and perverts in the State department. Can the gentleman say these 200 employees are now all removed from the State department?

"Why does the President refuse access to loyalty files of State department employees? What are you all afraid of?"

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## Man Named Velde Runs for Lincoln's Seat 100 Years After Abe Did

By EVELYN PEYTON GORDON

AMONG the members of that mootly notable 81st Congress there is a fellow named Harold Himmel Velde, a Republican from Pekin, Ill.

Now this one-termer who, like every other member of the House of Representatives, hopes to be reelected on Nov. 7, may be notable for a great many things. But chiefly he may remember himself that he is running for re-election exactly 100 years after Abraham Lincoln made his first bid for political favor and for the same seat in the House. This former FBI guy happens to be as tall as Honest Abe and as rugged. Born on a farm in Tazewell County, Ill., 40 years ago, he is a product of rural schools until he attended Bradley University, Northwestern and later the University of Illinois where he received his law degree in 1937.

Maybe Har Velde didn't know how much he resembled Abe Lincoln. Maybe he never split a rail, but in 1942 he was a private in the U. S. Army Signal Corps. After honorable discharge he became a special agent of the FBI in the Sabotage and Counterespionage Division until 1946. I still believe that it is right, and interesting, to have something of a counterpart fill the seat in Congress of Abraham Lincoln.

BIG moment is being made of the wedding plans of Dulcie-

Ann Steinhardt, daughter of our late Ambassador to Canada and Mrs. Laurence Steinhardt, to Canada's Flight Lieut. Allan Sherlock of the RCAF, aide de camp to Viscount Alexander, Governor General of Canada.

Dulcie Ann has selected Oct. 7. All Saints Church in Ottawa. Ceremony to be performed by Flight Lieut. E. W. S. Gilbert and followed by a reception at the Rockville Air Station Officers mess. All quite in keeping with the final career days of the bride's father, and the life-long career of the bridegroom. None of the to-do that might have been accorded the noted family in New York where the name was known best. However, the bride will be given in marriage by her cousin, Judge Irwin Untermeyer, who'll hop to Ottawa from N. Y.

THE gals who make luncheon at the Mayflower's cocktail lounge—better known to the inner circle as "The Snake Pit"—are green because not many of them will get a prevue of the new decor which will greet the high-fashion dames when the fa-

miliar old lounge opens next Tuesday.

BUT—a chosen few folk will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Mack, manager of the hotel, Monday afternoon for the first glimpse of the fancy spot. Enough said—the colors are superb and the entire motif BUT different from the Capital scenic views which so annoyed most of Washington for several years. It'll be a prevue at the cocktail hour. The famed Orchid and Champagne evening premier will come late in October.

ARE we gonna get Bob Lovett back in Washington? The popular former Undersecretary of State who did the digging for George Marshall when the new Secretary of Defense was State Department chief, has already been invited to sit in as Gen. Marshall's deputy—supplanting Steve Early who cleared out of Defense just a breath ahead of his chief, Louis Johnson.

It is doubtful that Lovett will accept. If not, HST will go into his old merry-go-round routine and fall back on some sucker that is already in his official family; namely Frank Pace, current Sec. of Army.



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January 10, 1951

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Honorable Harold H. Velde  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have just learned of your thoughtfulness in extending your remarks on January 8, 1951, to include in the Congressional Record [REDACTED] review of the Lowenthal book.

All of us in the FBI appreciate the action you have taken in making this effective review a matter of public record. I know [REDACTED] will be gratified by what you have done.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

cc - [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

November 27, 1950

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██████ advised me this afternoon that Congressman Harold Velde, who you will recall is a former Agent, received from the publishers a copy of Lowenthal's book. ██████ states it appears that all members of the HCUA did receive a copy of this book. ██████ suggested to Velde that he might return it to the publishers and advise them he has read it and that he has also read the Daily Worker and, accordingly, is not interested in the book. Velde indicated to ██████ that he was going to do this.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 7, 1951

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: HAROLD H. VELDE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

There is enclosed herewith an article from the "Chicago Daily Tribune" dated September 6, 1951 and an article from the "Chicago Daily Sun-Times" dated September 6, 1951, setting forth information regarding the captioned individual, a former Bureau agent, who is a ranking minority member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

It will be noted from the articles that VELDE was interviewed on television regarding contemplated inquiry by the House Committee regarding Communism at the University of Chicago and Communism in unions.

The article in the "Chicago Daily Tribune" indicates that VELDE disclosed that the FBI had conducted an intensive inquiry into Communistic activities at the University of Chicago. A review of the article from the "Chicago Daily Sun-Times", however, fails to reflect VELDE made such a statement.

It is felt that the only positive way to determine exactly what remarks were made by VELDE would be to obtain a copy of the recording of the program if such was made. No attempts will be made by this office to obtain such a recording unless specifically requested by the Bureau.

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## TELLS OF FBI PROBE OF REDS IN U. OF CHICAGO

Harold H. Velde, ranking minority member of the house committee on un-American activities, disclosed here last night that the federal bureau of investigation has conducted an intensive inquiry into communistic activities at the University of Chicago. He spoke over WGN-TV on the "Press Conference" program.

He said it is unlikely that the committee, in its forthcoming Chicago investigation, will turn up much that the FBI does not already know, but he pointed out that the FBI is not permitted to disclose its findings, whereas the committee feels that the public should be made aware of communist dangers.

Velde, a former FBI agent, said the principal target of the committee's inquiry here is communism in unions, particularly the United Electrical Workers, and the Farm Equipment Workers, both of which have been ousted from the CIO because of communist domination.

Asked if the inquiry might not tend to drive Communists underground, he said "The real Communist party has been underground ever since we recognized Russia in 1933. Nothing we can do will drive them above ground."

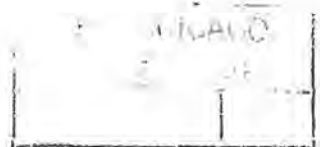
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## Velde Soft-Pedals U. of C. Probe

Rep. Velde (R-Ill.) made a televised explanation Wednesday night of why the House Un-American Activities Committee is turning its investigative eye on Chicago.

The former FBI agent was interviewed by four newspapermen on "Press Conference." He said, despite contrary reports, that the committee's prime target here was not communism at the University of Chicago, but subversive activities at Chicago area defense plants.

Velde said the committee principally was interested in the doings of the United Electrical, Radio and

Machine Workers of America and the United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers, who were put out of the CIO because of their left-wing activities.

But under the sharp questioning of his interviewers, Velde admitted the committee undoubtedly would also examine any evidence of communism it could find at the University of Chicago.

"But what can you find out at the university that the FBI doesn't know?" he was asked after it was pointed out that taxpayers' funds already had been spent in similar investigations.

Velde was frank.

"Not very much," he said.

He added, however, that inasmuch as research there helped develop the atomic bomb, the committee would like to know if Soviet espionage agents gleaned any knowledge of that weapon from persons on the Midway.

Velde observed that he hoped the university's new chancellor, Lawrence A. Kimpton, and the trustees would cooperate with the committee.

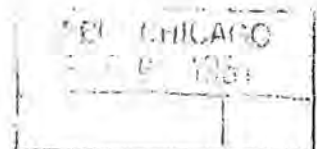
"They indicated by letter they would," he said, "but press reports indicate otherwise."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *se*

FROM : H. H. Clegg

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN HAROLD H. VELDE  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

DATE: September 22, 1951

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[REDACTED] telephoned. He had seen Congressman Velde of Illinois, an ex-Agent. Velde told [REDACTED] that the next time he went to Quantico he would like to go with [REDACTED]. He preferred to go some Saturday for about a half day and indicated he would like to do some shooting at that time.

[REDACTED] stated that, if it were desired, he could arrange to go to Quantico some Saturday in a week or two or more at the Bureau's convenience and would be glad to take Velde with him. They would not be interested particularly in a demonstration, Velde just wanted to shoot.

I do not know the present status of Velde's relationship with the Bureau, but if this is desired, we can arrange to have them at Quantico for one day and remain for lunch.

*I think we  
should do this*

cc - Mr. Nichols

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REP. HAROLD H. VELDS, R., ILL., CHARGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SADLY UNDERESTIMATED SOVIET SPY RINGS IN AMERICA DURING WORLD WAR II.

VELDE, AN FBI COUNTER-ESPIONAGE AGENT FROM 1943 TO 1946, SUGGESTED THAT THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CALL FBI DIRECTOR HOOVER TO DESCRIBE RUSSIAN SPY OPERATIONS IN THE U.S.

VELDE, A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, SAID HE WANTED TO ASK HOOVER AND HEADS OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES "IF WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN MEETING THE SOVIET ESPIONAGE PROBLEM IN AMERICA."

VELDE SAID HOOVER SHOULD BE SUMMONED TO SUPPLEMENT THE TESTIMONY OF MAJ. GEN. CHARLES A. WILLOUGHBY, GEN. MAC ARTHUR'S FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF. WILLOUGHBY WILL TESTIFY ON THE CASE OF RICHARD SORGE, RED SPY WHO WORMED HIS WAY INTO THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN TOKYO AND HEADED A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PRE-WAR SPY RING IN JAPAN.

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(UN-AMERICAN)

A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PREDICTED THAT THE COMMITTEE IN JULY WILL LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION OF PAST AND PRESENT SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN THE U. S.

REP. HAROLD H. VELDE, R., ILL., SAID THE SPY HUNT WILL BE TOUCHED OFF BY THE TESTIMONY OF MAJ. GEN. CHARLES A. WILLOUGHBY, GEN. DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR'S FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, ON A PRE-WAR SOVIET SPY RING IN JAPAN.

VELDE SAID THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BRING IN FBI DIRECTOR, J. EDGAR HOOVER TO DESCRIBE RUSSIAN ESPIONAGE IN THIS COUNTRY.

VELDE, A FORMER FBI AGENT HIMSELF, SAID HIS FORMER BOSS UNDERESTIMATED THE RED SPY THREAT IN WORLD WAR II.

"I FEEL VERY DEFINITELY," HE SAID, "THAT DURING WORLD WAR II OUR GOVERNMENT"--WHICH WOULD INCLUDE HOOVER--"FAILED COMPLETELY TO RECOGNIZE THE SERIOUSNESS OF COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE HERE."

HE PREDICTED THAT WILLOUGHBY'S TESTIMONY, AND TWO FOOT-LOCKER'S FULL OF THE GENERAL'S DOCUMENTS NOW IN COMMITTEE HANDS, "WILL YIELD A GOOD NUMBER OF NAMES OF AMERICAN COMMUNISTS AND SYMPATHIZERS WHO HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN CLOSE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT."

SOME OF THEM ARE NOW IN THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID, AND ALL" ARE OR HAVE BEEN HELPING THE SOVIET IN SPREADING PROPAGANDA AND ASSISTING SOVIET AGENTS HERE."

DURR REPLY TO VELDE  
CHALLENGES FBI TO  
REVEAL HIS DOSSIER  
By the Associated Press

HAROLD H. VELDE

Clifford J. Durr, president of the National Lawyers Guild took exception yesterday to criticism leveled at him recently by Representative Velde, Republican of Illinois, with regard to the FBI and its methods.

Mr. Velde, a former FBI agent, inserted a statement in the Congressional Record June 21 commenting on what he called "attacks" on FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in which he said Mr. Durr had participated.

Mr. Velde said at that time that "the unmitigated gall of these attacklets, if the newspaper reports be true, could only have been prompted by a fear of future revelation of related Communistic associations."

Mr. Durr, a former member of the Federal Communications Commission, said he had been out of the city and had just noted Mr. Velde's remarks.

#### DURR ISSUES STATEMENT

Mr. Durr commented in a prepared statement:

"This former FBI Agent apparently finds it difficult to give up the practice of speculating about the state of mind of other people.

"I have never attempted to conceal my beliefs or my actions and I can therefore assure the Congressman that I have no cause for alarm over any true statements that might be contained in any report of the FBI concerning me.

"If the Congressman is correct in his assumption and the FBI has been collecting information about me, then the Congressman and Mr. Hoover have my full permission to make such information public. This might serve a useful purpose in providing one more sample from which the public can judge the competence and fairness of the FBI's investigatory techniques in the field of beliefs and association as distinguished from the field of criminal activities."

Mr. Durr noted that Mr. Velde said the methods used by the FBI have been "in entire accord with our American principles of protection of civil rights." That, Mr. Durr said, is Mr. Velde's evaluation.

#### FAVORS THROUGH PROBE.

Mr. Durr said he said he made his own evaluation June 17, in commenting on the release of a series of confidential FBI reports in the Judith Coplon espionage trial. At that time he said: "The newspaper accounts (of these reports) are sufficient to disclose practices and policies of the FBI that strike at the roots of our civil liberties."

Mr. Durr said little would be accomplished by a debate on the merits and demerits of FBI procedures "between an obvious apologist for the FBI and myself."

A thorough investigation and public airing of them would, however accomplish a great deal," he said.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN HAROLD H. VELDE

DATE: March 12, 1952

On March 11, 1952, the House of Representatives debated and passed S. 2077, which transfers responsibility for personnel-type investigations from the FBI to the Civil Service Commission.

The Congressional Record for that date reflects that Congressman Harold H. Velde (Illinois) was very active in the debate opposing the passage of this bill. In his remarks, he pointed out that he was a former FBI Agent and felt he was qualified to talk upon the subject. He stated that when he was an FBI Agent none of the Agents particularly cared to make this type of investigation and he wondered whether this was the reason for the Director's desire to be relieved of the responsibility for these investigations. Mr. Velde stated that he felt the FBI was more qualified than any other agency in the Government to handle these investigations and that he also felt it was more important that a thorough investigation be made of an individual before he became employed by the Government rather than making such an investigation necessary after he had secured employment. Congressman Velde stated that the transfer of these cases to the Civil Service Commission would increase the general investigative staff of the Federal Government, because of the necessity for additional employees in the Civil Service Commission and pointed out that he would prefer that any increase in the investigative staff in the Government be in the FBI "whom we all trust and admire and respect." The general tenor of Mr. Velde's remarks was to the effect that he had more confidence in the FBI than in any other investigative agency and for that reason desired that the bill be defeated. With the exception of his statement as to what he thought might be the reason for the Bureau's desire to be relieved of these investigations, his remarks were most complimentary of the Director and of the FBI.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the remarks of Congressman Velde, it is recommended that the attached letter be sent to him thanking him for his commendatory remarks and pointing out to him the real reasons why the Bureau approves this legislation.

Attachment

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CHAS. E. HARRIS  
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March 12, 1952

Honorable Harold W. Velde  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Congressman:

Please accept my personal thanks for the confidence which you expressed in the FBI and my administration of its responsibilities during the debate on S. 2077 in the House of Representatives on March 11, 1952. All of us in the FBI sincerely trust that we will continue to merit your approbation.

I thought you might like to know that my approval of this legislation was based upon the firm belief that the FBI could handle the increasing number of internal security investigations brought about by the growing international tension in an efficient and capable manner only if we were relieved of the burden placed upon us by these applicant-type investigations.

Another consideration which compelled me to urge the Attorney General to seek this legislation is the possibility that should the present emergency become more acute or should the underground organization of the Communist Party embark upon an active program of sabotage, all of our energies would of necessity have to be directed to meet this threat. As a practical consideration, it is for the over-all best interests of the country for the FBI to have the necessary manpower engaged in conducting those investigations which would repel these threats rather than making investigations which can be handled satisfactorily by an already existing agency.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓  
FROM : L. B. Nichols  
SUBJECT: Congressman HAROLD H. VELDE

DATE: June 16, 1951

The United Press, through the Washington City News Service ticker, at 6:00 p.m. on June 14, sent out a story indicating that the House Un-American Activities Committee would issue an indictment against the American Ambassador in this story it is stated that Congressman Velde had said the Committee should bring in the President and that Velde, a former U.S. Army aviator, said his former boss underestimated the Red spy threat in World War II. The story further stated "that during World War II our government--which would include Hoover--failed completely to recognize the seriousness of Communist espionage here."

I called [redacted] of the United Press and read this to him. He immediately expressed that he was sure that it that it looked like some of their boys were throwing stuff. He subsequently called me back and stated that [redacted] of the UP wrote this story. He stated that [redacted] was a pretty objective writer; that he had questioned him and [redacted] had stated that he had had many private conversations with Velde and Velde had been very critical of the FBI that Velde had given him a new statement, the substance of which was as follows:

"Wherever the fault lay, our Government failed to meet the threat. I am satisfied the intelligence agencies were not at fault although I don't wish to hold the FBI blameless. I have said many times that perhaps Mr. Hoover could have used his influence to better advantage."

[redacted] stated in view of the nature of this statement he would not send it out unless I thought it should be sent out, as he felt that the statement on the opening of the 14th had not gotten very wide circulation--in fact, he had not been able to find out just where it appeared. I told him we would defer to his judgment.

This morning I called on Congressman Velde. After an exchange of greetings, I pointed out to him that a matter had

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crises which I felt we should talk to him on a man-to-man,  
informal and off-the-record basis. I pointed out that he had  
received reports going back to shortly after he became a Con-  
gressman attributing statements to him of an unfriendly nature  
toward the Bureau. I further told him that we, of course,  
were very cognizant of the fact that in Washington the press  
thrives on controversies and, as a matter of fact, when he had  
first come to Washington to testify before the Un-American  
Activities Committee, people in the Department had asked about  
him and at that time to avoid injecting the Bureau in a con-  
trovercy with him it was pointed out to the Department that  
he had a good record in our service (this is a fact).

I further told him that we had never given credence  
to stories that were brought into us but within the last few  
days we had heard additional rumors along the lines that he did  
not hold the Bureau blameless; that the Director had not  
utilized the influence he could have utilized, and then I men-  
tioned the UP story of June 14th.

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Velde stated he was very glad I brought this up; that  
the day before had called him off the floor and  
stated that, first of all, he wanted to apologize to  
him and told him briefly about the story and pointed out Velde  
had stated he felt the Government had not done all it could do  
and he had brought in the Director's name as being a  
part of the Government. Velde stated this was not correct;  
that he had always felt the Director had done all he could  
do; that he had always felt the intelligence agencies were not  
to blame; that something happened between the investigative  
processes and the prosecutive processes. Velde stated that  
[redacted] was very apologetic to him, although Velde stated he  
had not seen the dispatch. I had a carbon copy of it in my  
pocket, which I gave to him.

Velde then stated this was far more serious than he  
had been led to believe by [redacted] that this does not represent  
his view; that he has no reason to question the Bureau or the  
Director's position.

I pointed out to him that it is necessary to recon-  
struct the attitude of the war years when Russia was an ally  
and that I thought it was a great achievement for the Director  
to remain at his post of duty and for the Bureau to keep in  
touch as closely as it did with Russian espionage activities  
in this country. He agreed with this.



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Valde stated that he would be very glad to call Herb [redacted] and demand that this statement be corrected on the wires of the UP. I told him that I felt at this time this would not be advisable and would merely be adding fuel to the flames; and I would advise the Director of his attitude. He stated if the Director wants him to do it he, of course, will demand that [redacted] make a correction. I told him that I felt a better way, if he felt inclined to do so, would be some time in the next few days for him to watch for an opportunity where he could issue a short statement and at that time in an affirmative manner make clear what his feelings are toward the Bureau and the Director, as he had described them to me. I pointed out that undoubtedly he had considered the past 32 years since the Communist Party was created. I asked him if he had ever thought of any present officials in the Government who had been as correct on the Communist situation as the Director had been; that I felt certain if he would analyze the situation he would come to the conclusion that from the day the Communist Party was created until the present time, the Director has never deviated in having anything other than the correct attitude toward the Communist edposes. Valde stated he never thought of it in this way and this would be a good item to mention in his statement, and that he would make such a statement.

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He did admit that he had said that he felt the Committee should have the Director testify about his knowledge of Russian espionage. I told him I had wondered how much thought he had given to this matter because, after all, the Director does not make policy; that his complaint, as I understand it, is with the policy. I pointed out that, as he very well knew from his Bureau experience, all the Bureau could do was to secure facts and report them to the Department; that it was up to the Department to take action; that actually if they called the Director down there the Director could not go into any discussion on policy and would be precluded from such discussion, as he is excluded and precluded from participation in the formation of policy; that it would seem to me--and this on a personal basis--that he, Valde, would be sacrificing his strongest weapon by joining the Director in the defense, as then others could try to use the Director as a front. Valde said he had never thought of that; that he thoroughly agreed it would be inadvisable for the Director to come down there and that he would be on the alert for an opportunity to point out the individuals to testify would be the policy makers.



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Valde stated he could not quite figure out who would be the person to call; that the present Attorney General was not in office during the period in question. I pointed out to him that [redacted], the present head of the Criminal Division, had been in the Department as an assistant in the Criminal Division during that period and [redacted] had issued a statement on June 15th in San Francisco that the Department could arrest some 2,300 Communists; that we, of course, did not know how many they were going to arrest or how many they were going to prosecute. He stated that henceforth he would emphasize the necessity of calling [redacted] down before the Committee.

Coming back to [redacted] the NY correspondent, I asked Valde if he was familiar with him. He stated that he was not; that [redacted] assumed his position that he had known him and talked to him on numerous occasions but he did not confide in him. I asked him what kind of person [redacted] was and he replied that he was the insurance [redacted] in a life insurance company. He said that type of individual was not to be trusted. He observed the coverage of the Committee and [redacted] was not a very good person. I asked him if he knew [redacted] He stated he had talked to him in the past but not very much. He said that he felt this incident was something [redacted] should probably know about. He stated that he would be reluctant to tell [redacted] particularly because he was afraid [redacted] might come in line with the Committee and he felt that in the long run it would be done anyway.

Valde asked if I knew [redacted] and I told him that I, of course, did know [redacted]. He suggested that I be on the alert for an opportunity to tell [redacted] about his discussion with him; that [redacted] then could be on the alert regarding [redacted]. I told Valde that I thought that we should do it as soon as possible, he put out his statement and let [redacted] handle this and then there might be a real basis for a complaint to the NY. He thought this would be a better idea.

With regard to [redacted] that he had not contacted the Bureau on any thing [redacted] in the NY [redacted] in fact [redacted] in any [redacted] position because of his former position. I told Valde it would be much better for him to call [redacted] occasionally when he was not certain because while we would not be able to give him information we certainly could keep him from attacking his work and possibly we could give him some guidance. He stated he would do this in the future.



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As I left, Velde told me to be sure and tell the Director he was AWAY this incident concerned; that if the Director felt that it should be done he would demand that the United Press print a correction; that he would charge he had been misquoted, as he insisted he had. He also said to tell the Director that while there might be times that he did not agree with me there would never be a time when he would not go along with me because, after all, who was he to contest the judgment of the Director and others in the Bureau who had had more experience than he. All in all, I would say it was a rather interesting session.

Certainly, someone is not telling the truth—either Velde or [redacted]. My personal opinion is that Velde is intentionally keeping me away about but I do not think we should be in the position of having any open [redacted]. It would be my thought that we wait a few days and if, say by Wednesday, Velde has not said anything I can call him again and ask him if he has gotten out a statement as I had not seen any reference on the H. Ticker.

I, of course, could go to [redacted] on a very personal basis and tell him all our discussion with Velde. I know that [redacted] would not tolerate one of his men who represented the Jews and I am fearful that he would jump into this like a bull in a china shop. I think that Velde is definitely concerned as I told him quite frankly that if he wanted to engage in any open warfare for him to just say the word because we did not want to dissipate any energy unless we were to have a fight and that if he had anything he wanted to fight over he was the time to bring it out in the open; that if necessary to get into a public controversy he would do so. He stated that he had no intention of this and no desire for this.

I think that these circumstances it would be most desirable for [redacted] to go to [redacted] at this time but that [redacted] would probably say that [redacted] was not a [redacted] and that [redacted] was not a [redacted]. In fact, if [redacted] were to [redacted] the Velde would probably say he had already said all this was not true and it would put me in a bad position with [redacted].

ADDENDUM, LHM:CMC, 6-18-51

On the morning of June 18th, 1951, [redacted] with the Director's suggestion, I called and [redacted] and advised him of my conversation with Velde for his strictly personal and confidential information.



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Expert Rep. Velde Raps U. S. Failure

# Ex-FBI Agent Urges Will Probe of Red Spying Here

A member of the House Un-American Activities Committee today urged an exhaustive investigation of past and present Soviet espionage in the United States.

Rep. Harold H. Velde (R., Ill.) charged the Government had "failed completely to recognize the seriousness of Communist espionage" during World War II.

Rep. Velde, an FBI counter-espionage agent during World War II, suggested that the committee call upon FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover and heads of military intelligence agencies to testify.

The committee already plans to hear Maj. Gen. Charles A. Willoughby, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's former intelligence chief, on the case of a highly successful pro-Soviet spy ring in Japan. Rep. Velde predicted Gen. Willoughby's story will yield "a good number of names of American Communists and Soviet agents" who have been helping Soviet agents in the United States.

Other congressional developments:

## Defense Loose

A House Executive Committee subcommittee today called upon the War Relocation Authority to explain its failure to prevent the departure of Japanese-Americans from the United States. It was charged that the War Relocation Authority, which was working to help Japanese-Americans, had failed to prevent the departure of Japanese-Americans from the United States.

## Tax Bill Passed

The House today passed a bill to increase the tax on the income of corporations. The bill would increase the tax from 30 to 35 percent on the income of corporations.

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*July 10*



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 12, 1952

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thanks kindly for your congratulatory message.

I have always been proud to mention the fact that I was formerly an FBI agent because it has meant to me, at least, that the people have placed a great deal of confidence and faith in me because of that connection alone.

As Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee, may I assure you, too, that I will continue doing all in my power and authority to cooperate with you and your men in the vital work of keeping our nation safe from subversive influences.

I do hope that we will be able to get together for a personal chat in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

Harold H. Velde, M. C.

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TO: MR. TOLSON DATE: November 26, 1952  
FROM: L. E. NICHOLS  
SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN HAROLD H. VELDE  
(R-ILLINOIS)  
INQUIRY BY [REDACTED] PATHFINDER MAGAZINE

At 10:30 a.m. yesterday, [REDACTED] of Pathfinder Magazine in Washington, with whom we have had favorable dealings in the past, called [REDACTED] in my office. He stated he is contemplating interviewing Congressman Harold Velde, now to be Head of the Un-American Activities Committee. [REDACTED] asked whether anyone is now around the Bureau who knew Velde at the time he served as an Agent of this Bureau. Pathfinder, said [REDACTED] is running a story on Velde and the Committee and would like all background information available.

[REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that since Velde had resigned years ago from the Bureau, it would be quite a research project to locate anyone who knew him while serving as an Agent. [REDACTED] told him further that he doubted seriously whether any of the men who served with Velde in the Field are not at the Seat of Government. [REDACTED] said he understood and simply wanted to follow up this lead since the views of some friendly FBI Agent concerning Velde would be of interest.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

None. For information.

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## Red Influence in Education Will Be Probed, Velde Hints

A broad investigation of subversive influences in the field of education is in store under the new Republican-controlled Congress, it was indicated yesterday.

Rep. Harold D. Velde (R-Mt.), who is slated to become chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee in January, said in an interview that he will "personally" be in strong favor of such a probe.

Velde said "I think that's the most important new field to go into. It has been largely untouched, except by the Senate (Internal Security) Subcommittee."

That group previously announced plans to investigate subversive influences in schools, colleges and universities. Its course of action, however, is unclear since Republican control of Congress removes Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.) as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, under which that subcommittee operates. Sen. William Langer (R-N. D.) is likely to be his successor.

Velde, a former FBI agent, has long proposed an intense combi-

ling of educators to unearth "subversives," and once advocated a bill under which the Librarian of Congress would be required to list all "subversive" books.

Under Republican rule, said Velde, he believes the House committee should "cooperate with the Attorney General in weeding out Communists from the Executive departments of our Government."

This must continue even with a Republican Administration, said Velde. "I think there is no question," he said, "but that the Communists have infiltrated the Democratic ranks, and I'm sure that they will make attempts to infiltrate the new party in power."

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# **REP. VELDE ASKS EXECUTION STAY FOR ATOM SPIES**

New York, Dec. 1 [Special]—Rep. Velde (R., Ill.), who is slated to become chairman of the house committee of un-American activities, has asked Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman, who presided at the trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, to stay the execution of the convicted soviet atom spies. They are scheduled to be electrocuted the week of Jan. 12, 1953.

The recommendation was made in a telegram he sent to Judge Kaufman several days ago and was confirmed by Velde by telephone tonight in his home in Pekin, Ill. He said he had urged the stay in the belief Rosenberg and his wife could be induced to give the government information on Russian espionage in this country.

Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan today refused another defense motion to stay the execution of Rosenberg and his wife.

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Laughlin ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Winterrowd ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: December 20, 1952

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: HAROLD VELDE

Former Special Agent [REDACTED], now employed with the House Committee on Un-American Activities, called me on December 18, 1952, to advise that Congressman Velde that morning when he picked up his telephone, had the bottom drop out of the telephone. Velde is certain his phone has been tampered with. He asked [REDACTED] to contact us to see if we could have somebody look at the phone, that he wanted this handled very confidentially. I told [REDACTED] I would check and see if anyone was available.

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After clearing the matter with the Director, I advised [REDACTED] on December 19 that we would check the phone on one condition, namely, there be no publicity. He stated he could agree to this.

I then arranged through [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] Laboratory technician, to contact former Special Agent [REDACTED] on Monday morning, in order to go out to the apartment and look at the phone.

cc: [REDACTED]

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Director advised - Matter ascertained  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 29, 1952

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: HAROLD HIMMELL VELDE  
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Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Clegg	
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Miss Gandy	

There is forwarded herewith the December 17, 1952, issue of "The Pathfinder", published by Farm Journal, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa. On page 17 of this issue, there is an article entitled "The Reds' New Arch-enemy". This article quotes: "Spy-hunter. As a wartime FBI agent (attached to the San Francisco field office as a wiretap specialist), VELDE is well-versed in subversive and espionage techniques....."

The foregoing is being furnished for the information of the

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VELDE. His committee's targets will be labor and education.

*You'll hear a lot about the ~~House~~  
Un-American Activities Committee,  
under Harold H. Velde, ex-FBI man*



MARTIN DIES. He's bringing 100,000 names.

## The Reds' new archenemy

**Y**OU CAN bet your bottom dollar that Communists will try to worm their way into the Republican Administration, just as they did with the Democrats."

That's the belief of the husky, 6-foot chairman-to-be of the House Un-American Activities Committee—Representative Harold Himmel Velde of Illinois.

But the Reds will find the going a lot tougher with this vigorous young Republican at the helm of the powerful subversive-hunting group. That's the opinion of many Congressional observers.

Velde is a former county judge (Tazewell County, Illinois) and FBI agent, whose investigative methods have been compared with those of Representative Martin Dies, under whose lead the Committee made headlines in the late 30s.

Under its new senior Republican member, the committee can be expected to regain some of the prominence it enjoyed in those years. For, as one associate puts it with a liberal mixture of metaphors, Velde undoubtedly will "pick up the reins, take the bull by the horns and walk off with it."

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hand knowledge of the "Scientist X" affair (in which a former University of California physicist was accused of passing atomic secrets to Russia) with piling up enough evidence to indict Dr. Joseph W. Weinberg.

Under the cautious chairmanship of retiring John S. Wood of Georgia, the House Un-American Activities Committee has frequently taken a back seat, publicity-wise, to other investigative groups in Congress. Under Velde, however, you will hear more from it.

The Senate's rival "McCarran Committee" expires in January, and may not be reorganized; the familiar figure of Martin Dies has returned to Washington ("with a list of about 100,000 names of persons engaged in subversive activities") and is available for consultation; a ban on televising hearings has been lifted—each of these factors may mean more headlines for the House Red-hunters.

Velde's chief prospective targets are in education and labor. In particular, he wants his committee to probe various campus youth organizations, and names two unions—the independent Farm Equipment-United Electrical Workers and the United Packinghouse Workers of

letic coach and lawyer. From his law practice in Pekin (Ill.), he entered the Army Signal Corps as a private in 1942; a year later was accepted in the FBI's Sabotage and Counterespionage Division.

**Third Term.** Aside from graying temples, Velde looks younger than his 42 years; he was elected county judge when only 36, and last month won his third Congressional term by a healthy margin.

What will the functions of the new Un-American Activities Committee be?

"Aside from tightening up against future Communist infiltration, our chief job will be to co-operate with the Executive Department in weeding out subversives in the Government," Velde declares. He predicts "a new and of good feeling" in this task.

Velde has made no secret of his frustration over roadblocks thrown in the committee's path during past probes.

"We have been thwarted in our efforts time and again by the Executive Department," he says. "The President and his family of brain trusts have stubbornly refused to deal with this infiltration openly and vigorously."

if Harold Velde has anything



Mr. Nichols

February 2, 1953

M. A. Jones

CONGRESSMAN HAROLD H. VELDE

SYNOPSIS:

Representative Harold H. Velde (R-Illinois), Chairman of the HCUA, appeared as a guest on "The Kate Smith Hour" (NBC-TV) at 4:30 P.M., January 30, 1953. This program was monitored by the Crime Records Section.

PURPOSE:

To set out the results of this monitoring.

DETAILS:

At 4:30 P.M., January 30, 1953, Representative Harold H. Velde (R-Illinois) was interviewed by Ted Collins on "The Cracker Barrel" portion of "The Kate Smith Hour" (NBC-TV). During the interview, Congressman Velde explained the plans of the House Committee on Un-American Activities of which he is chairman. No mention was made of the FBI or of the fact that Velde is a former Special Agent.

The following items of interest were noted:

1. Velde stated that certain unions in defense plants are dominated by the Communist Party and his committee endeavors to expose these unions to union members in particular and to the public in general. He said that it is his hope that the National Labor Relations Board will refuse to recognize the rights of these CP-dominated unions in their negotiations. He said the result of this probably would be that new unions controlled by patriotic Americans will be formed.

2. Ted Collins raised the issue of Dr. James B. Conant's remarks concerning academic freedom. Velde said that his committee was not interested in destroying the rights and freedoms of students and teachers, but was interested only in discovering "overt acts contrary to our form of government." He said that he believes Marxism should be taught in colleges and universities, but by teachers who are loyal to this country and who will point out the bad points of Communism.

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February 2, 1953

3. Collins raised the issue of Dr. Conant's appointment as High Commissioner in Germany and asked Velde if he had received any letters of protest to this appointment. Velde replied that he had not, and added that he has seen no indication that Dr. Conant is disloyal. Velde said he personally has no objection to Dr. Conant's appointment.

4. Mr. Velde indicated that his committee will continue its probe of the entertainment field and that hearings will be resumed on March 23, 1953, in Los Angeles, California.

5. Collins asked Velde if "Red Channels" had government sanction. Velde replied, "Not that I know of. I have read it and I believe a great many things stated in 'Red Channels' are true." When Collins asked how one could protect himself (against "Red Channels") Velde answered that there are always the laws of slander. Collins, who appeared to consider this inadequate, remarked that if one's name appears in "Red Channels" it is very difficult to obtain employment. Velde said he realized that was true, but that no mistakes in "Red Channels" have been proven to date. Collins then asked, "Then you think the majority of the things in 'Red Channels' are true?" Velde replied, "Oh yes, certainly."

6. Velde concluded by stating that the number one thing on his committee's agenda was to assist the Eisenhower administration in weeding out Communists in the government, and to make sure that others do not infiltrate.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. The above is for information only.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: February 6, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: VELDE, BROTHER OF CONGRESSMAN  
HAROLD H. VELDE  
INFORMATION CONCERNINGPURPOSE:

To advise you concerning information received regarding Velde, brother of Congressman Harold Velde, former FBI Agent.

DETAILS:

The Springfield Division in its General Investigative Intelligence Report for the six months ended December 31, 1952, reported that informant

advised that a crap game is in operation at the Town House, which is located in Mason County, Illinois. He stated that one of the five present owners of the Town House is Velde, a brother of Congressman Velde (former FBI Agent). Congressman Velde's personnel file reflects in October, 1945, he had two brothers, and both of whom at that time were in the military service. Chief of Police Otto Lovell advised that all of the tavern owners in the city of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, make monthly donations to the city which donations are paid to the city treasury and that no individual connected with the city department received any part of these donations. Frank Close, Police Magistrate, confirmed that these donations were made to the city and stated that he heard that in addition, county officials received payment of sums direct from the taverns and night clubs where gambling activities took place but that he had no positive proof that county officials were receiving payoffs. The General Investigative Intelligence Report states that no attempt was made either by the sheriff's office of Mason County nor Havana Police Department to stop gambling in the county.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: February 11, 1953

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "KEEP POSTED"  
WTTG-TV, 8:30 P. M., February 10, 1953

PURPOSE:

To summarize captioned program.

DETAILS:

The question of discussion in captioned program was "Should Congress Investigate Communism in the Colleges?" Rep. Harold Velde (R-Ill.) took the affirmative side, and Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif.) commented in a negative vein. Moderator was Martha Rountree, and questions were voiced by Lawrence Spivak and a group of citizens. Velde was calm, poised and smiling throughout the entire program. He stated that investigation by Congressional Committees and the FBI has shown that the field of education is one of the main fields of Communist infiltration. He said that he learned, during his experience in the FBI, that it is impossible for this Bureau to make public the facts it assembles. This caused him to develop the feeling that the public should be educated in this regard. He told of a Red cell in the University of California some years back which was not exposed by university authorities since they were not aware of its existence. He used this illustration to explain his opinion that educational authorities are not aware of the menace and infiltration of Communism. He said that the House Un-American Activities Committee, of which he is chairman, will not control any thinking, that it will only investigate people who "think and act" along Communist lines. He said the investigation would be aimed primarily at individuals and that some schools, such as the California Labor School, the Jefferson and Lincoln Schools, also would come under study.

Rep. Holifield voiced the opinion that the responsibility of curbing Communist infiltration in schools and colleges should be held by the boards of education, trustees, etc., who are "close" to the schools. He seemed to have a great deal of faith in the ability of some "250,000 professors" in U. S. schools to handle this matter. He expressed the opinion that education is a "citadel of American freedom," and he felt that very little evidence of Communist infiltration would be turned up by such a Congressional investigation.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information only.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: 2/16/53

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS

SUBJECT: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
Former Special Agent

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Gearty	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

This former Special Agent was elected Republican Congressman from the Eighteenth District, State of Illinois, in November, 1948, in November, 1950, and in November, 1952. Since January, 1949 he has been a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, and in January, 1953 he was appointed Chairman of that Committee. He is also a member of the Education and Labor Committee.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

February 27, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN HAROLD H. VELDE  
FORMER FBI SPECIAL AGENT

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Miss Gandy

For record purposes, [redacted] who was formerly with International News Service, called from New York advising that he had been asked by the editor of the Peoria, Illinois, newspaper to make himself known to Congressman Velde and, accordingly, [redacted] had called Velde on the phone and after introducing himself, mentioned that he would like sometime to talk to Velde with regard to his handling of public relations, that he, [redacted] felt Velde was in a quasi-judicial position, and that as a newspaperman [redacted] felt it would be better for Velde, in his present position, not to react personally to personal attacks as he did in the recent fiasco regarding his statement regarding [redacted]. [redacted] stated he told Velde it would be better for him to let the record speak for itself. He said Velde inquired of him as to whether he was to stop fighting, and [redacted] told him by no means and drew the parallel of a football team, where an opposing player makes a derogatory remark to a member of the team, the object of the team is to continue playing football and not to stop the game for personal fisticuffs. [redacted] then advised that he would like to keep Velde free from smears, and that he felt Velde should act in the judicial mien like Senator Ferguson handles himself, Senator Homer Ferguson was a judge at one time and he has a judicial decorum about him.

[redacted] stated that his only reason for passing this information on to the Bureau was that my name came up with his conversation with Velde. [redacted] stated that he had been very active in trying to get various church leaders to clean up their organizations, having in mind Bishop [redacted] and that Velde had mentioned that I was interested in this matter and, of course, [redacted] told Velde he knew me. [redacted] advised that since my name had come up, he felt that he should let me know of the discussion since possibly at some time in the future, Velde might mention [redacted] discussion with him to me.

cc: Mr. Jones

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: March 7, 1953

[redacted] of the New York Journal American is doing an article for American Mercury on Harold Velde which will be a defense of Velde against the current attacks which are being directed against him. He is using quotes from various individuals and wondered if the Director would find it possible to give him a brief statement of his opinion of Velde.

I told [redacted] in view of the many similar inquiries which the Director received that he had been forced to adopt a policy of not making any comment; that I would, of course, tell the Director and while the Director would be glad to express himself on Velde, I knew that he would be precluded from doing so by his established policy.

[redacted] stated he understood.

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Right. Velde is putting his foot in his mouth every week since the Meyer incident. Know the investigation of Communism in [redacted].

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: February 27, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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[REDACTED] advised me that he was very much upset over the manner in which Congressman Harold Velde is handling himself and that he and others have put Velde on the griddle. They have just about come to the conclusion that Velde is not too smart because he never follows their advice and instructions. They have tried to get a good general counsel and [REDACTED] personally recommended [REDACTED] who knows the subject of Communism from having been assigned to a Communist desk in ONI and is now a Deputy Commissioner of the State Liquor Authority in New York; however, Velde apparently has done nothing on this.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
 cc: Mr. Belmont

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : V. P. KEAY

SUBJECT: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
Former Special Agent  
Now United States Congressman

DATE: March 20, 1953

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Reference is made to memorandum from Mr. Mohr to Mr. Tolson dated March 13, 1953, advising that [REDACTED] had made inquiry of the Bureau concerning the steps taken by Harold Himmel Velde, former Special Agent and now U.S. Congressman, to be discharged from Army service and to be appointed a Special Agent.

Mr. Mohr recommended that Liaison check Mr. Velde's service record to find out just what the record reflects in this regard.

It should be noted that the Army administrative file for Velde would be in St. Louis and his security file if he had one, which is doubtful considering position he had held in the Army would be at Fort Holabird Central Record Facilities.

ACTION:

There are attached two letters to the SAC at St. Louis and the SAC at Baltimore requesting that they obtain the desired information from Velde's file.

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 Mr. Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

## Next Question: Who Will Fire Velde?

**C**HARMAN VELDE of the House Un-American Activities Committee has fired the underling who gave him atrociously false information identifying Mrs. AGNES E. MEYER of Washington as a contributor to a Communist propaganda sheet. The next question obviously is, of course, who is going to fire VELDE?

The Congressman's offense was plainly greater than that of the small-time muck-raker his committee had put on the public pay roll. After all, it was VELDE who circulated the lie. After all, it was VELDE who as a member of Congress and thus at least in theory a responsible man, might have been expected to check and even double-check before spreading abroad as truth an accusation so manifestly implausible and malicious.

But who is going to fire VELDE? His colleagues in the House could do it. However, this would take a two-thirds vote and set a precedent. We have never heard of the members of the House expelling one of the brethren simply for shooting off his mouth, no matter how mendaciously or

at what expense to the feelings, or even the reputation, of an innocent, private citizen. No, the House will not fire VELDE.

The only people who can do this are the voters of the 11th District. But they will have no opportunity until next year's election. We will hope there were hope they will then apply to VELDE the same discipline he has applied to his subordinate. However, they have been sending him to Washington since 1948 and may be in the grip of a bad habit.

THE LOUISVILLE TIMES  
 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY  
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March 20, 1953

DIRECTOR, FBI

**HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE**  
Former Special Agent  
Now United States Congressman

It is requested that an expeditious check of Congressman Velde's Army record be made to determine exactly on what basis his resignation was accepted, whether it was due to his actual submission of a resignation or whether it was due to the fact that he had been appointed a Special Agent of the Bureau.

Velde had on October 22, 1942, enlisted in the Reserve Corps of the U.S. Army Signal Corps at Peoria, Illinois, and was subsequently assigned to a pre-electronics training course given under the supervision of the Signal Corps at the Burr Signal School in Chicago, Illinois. He was attending this school when on November 16, 1942, he was appointed a Special Agent.

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March 20, 1953

**HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE**  
**Former Special Agent**  
**New United States Congressman**

Velde had on October 22, 1942, enlisted in the Reserve Corps of the U.S. Army Signal Corps at Peoria, Illinois, and was subsequently assigned to a pre-electronics training course given under the supervision of the Signal Corps at the Burr Signal School in Chicago, Illinois. He was attending this school when on November 16, 1942, he was appointed a Special Agent.

It should be determined if the security file shows exactly on what basis his resignation from the Signal Corps was accepted, whether it was due to his actual submission of a resignation or whether it was due to the fact that he had been appointed a Special Agent of the Bureau.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 3/13/53

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
Former Special Agent  
Now United States Congressman

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As you know, Velde the last few days has been in considerable hot water with the members of the House Un-American Activities Committee because of Velde's ill-advised statement to the effect that the House Un-American Activities Committee was going to inquire into the infiltration by the Communist Party of religious groups. Congressman Walter of Pennsylvania is on the House Un-American Activities Committee and he has taken a very strong stand against Velde's pronouncement.

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b7C I had this background in mind when I received a call from [redacted] on Thursday, March 12, 1953. [redacted] asked me first whether during World War II the Bureau requested deferment of its Special Agents and I explained what our policy was to her. She said she was under the impression that we did not. I told her it was absolutely imperative that we do so in order to retain our Special Agent personnel to discharge our duties during World War II.

She then asked me if we requested deferments at the present time and I told her that we did and explained why but told her that the problem now was nothing like it was in World War II since all but a very few of the Agents we have hired since World War II are veterans and are not eligible for recall to military duty through their local draft board.

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She then asked me if we ever requested the discharge of a service man in order to serve in the Bureau as a Special Agent and I replied in the negative and told her that the Bureau had never done that to my knowledge and I was pretty well acquainted with the Bureau's policy in that respect. She then stated she would like to read to me an item from the Congressional Directory with reference to Congressman Harold Velde and she read from Page 33, January, 1952 Congressional Directory which contains Mr. Velde's biography. This biography in part states as follows: "athletic coach and teacher of Hillsdale Community High School and practicing lawyer in Pekin and central Illinois before service in the United States Army Signal Corps as a private in 1942; received honorable discharge in 1943 to become a special agent of the FBI in the Sabotage and Counterespionage Division until 1946; holds certificate of war service and is a member of the American Legion."

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Mr. (K) to Mr. Belmont  
with letter to SAC, St. Louis  
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[redacted] pointed out that Velde's biography specifically states that he was discharged from the United States Signal Corps as a Private to become a Special Agent and she wondered if the Bureau had anything to do with obtaining this discharge. I told her without checking Velde's file that I was positive that such could never occur. I told her if she had any doubts or any question as to the manner in which Velde secured his discharge from the Army Signal Corps that the manner of the discharge could be verified by checking the available Army records. She stated she thought that Congressman Walter would not do that but that maybe others would. She also indicated that the feeling was prevalent that Velde was a "psycho" as evidenced by his unrestrained spouting off.

A review of Velde's file reflects that he was offered an appointment to the position of Special Agent in the Bureau on November 7, 1942. In a teletype dated October 9, 1942 from the Springfield Division, it was pointed out that Velde was registered with the local board in Pekin, Illinois, that he was then classified in 3A and in good standing. The date for reclassification was unknown.

After Velde entered on duty, he submitted a memorandum under date of November 17, 1942 and advised that on October 22, 1942 he enlisted in the Reserve Corps of the United States Army Signal Corps at the Peoria, Illinois Recruiting and Induction Station and was subsequently assigned to a pre-electronics training course given under the supervision of the Signal Corps at the Burr Signal School in Chicago, Illinois. He said he was attending this school when he was notified by the Bureau that he was offered an appointment as a Special Agent. Upon receipt of the Bureau's telegram he advised that he contacted his superiors and was referred to Lieutenant [redacted] Assistant Commandant of the Sixth Corps Area Signal Corps in Chicago and he stated that Lieutenant [redacted] then told him he would contact the Chicago Office of the Bureau as well as other parties necessary to secure his release from the enlistment. He said that Lieutenant [redacted] asked him to write a letter of resignation, which he did. He stated he took the letter of resignation to Lieutenant [redacted] the following afternoon, November 11, 1942, and he was advised that he would be granted permission to resign and the Lieutenant suggested that he proceed to Washington, D. C. to accept his appointment as a Special Agent, which he did. Velde said he was submitting his memorandum, which was addressed to Mr. Clegg, to explain the situation as well as to ask Mr. Clegg to find out whether he had been released from the enlistment.

It is noted in a memorandum dated December 5, 1942, the Liaison Section advised a request had been received from the Provost Marshal General's Office indicating that Velde had applied for a position in the War Department as a Junior Engineer in the Office of the Commandant General School, Sixth Service Command, Chicago, Illinois, and the



Liaison Agent advised the Provost Marshal General's Office that Velde had entered on duty in the Bureau on November 16, 1942 as a Special Agent.

By letter dated December 12, 1942 to the Office of the Commanding General of the Sixth Service Command in Chicago, Illinois, we advised in reply to a communication from the Office of the Commanding General that Velde had been appointed to the position of Special Agent on November 16, 1942 and was presently performing duties in one of the critical positions in the Bureau. We also stated that the Bureau would appreciate his cooperation in the matter and if there was any further information desired, he should not hesitate to call upon us. It should be noted that the letter from the Commanding General, which was dated November 20, 1942, simply stated that it was understood that Velde had indicated he had been appointed a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and verification of the information was requested in order that he could be discharged from the enlisted reserve corps in accordance with previous War Department instructions relative to Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agents. This apparently refers to the agreement we had with the Military at that time to permit Special Agents of the Bureau to resign reserve commissions.

By memorandum dated January 11, 1942 (which should probably be 1943) Velde advised he had received an honorable discharge from the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

From the foregoing it is definitely apparent that Velde has misrepresented his enlistment in the Reserve Corps of the United States Signal Corps since in his biography he gives the impression he was a private in the Signal Corps from 1942 to 1943 when he was actually in the Corps for a period of a couple of months at most. His statement that he received an honorable discharge in 1943 to become a Special Agent of the FBI is very cutely put and it would appear from his file that the statement is in a sense correct because it may well be that Velde would not have been able to resign his reserve appointment if he had not been appointed a Special Agent of the Bureau and it was because of our agreement with the armed forces that the armed forces permitted Velde to resign. Velde's biography, however, is indicative of the manner in which he has misrepresented himself and his association with the Bureau in the past.

It might be a good idea for the Liaison Section to check Velde's file at the Department of Defense and see exactly on what basis his resignation from the Signal Corps was accepted, whether it was due to his actual submission of a resignation or whether it was due to the fact he had been appointed a Special Agent of the Bureau. I suggest that the check be made because I feel sure from [redacted] comment that somebody is going to be checking at the War Department to find out exactly what the score is.

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Yes. H.



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I don't think any useful purpose would be served at this time in my calling [REDACTED] and explaining to her what the situation is. It may be a good idea to call her after we have checked Velde's service record in the Department of Defense.

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*no need to contact  
her at all. We do not  
want to get involved  
in this squabble at all.*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*  
 FROM : V. P. KEAY *VPK*  
 SUBJECT: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE,  
 FORMER SPECIAL AGENT

DATE: April 3, 1953

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Mr. John P. Mohr requested Liaison to determine from Velde's Army file the language used by the Army in separating Velde from the service. The only file on Velde is the Adjutant General's file, which reveals that he was "discharged for convenience of Government, FBI, SA, 29 Dec 1942." There is nothing derogatory in his file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this information be brought to the attention of Mr. John P. Mohr.

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#### HOOVER UNHAPPY OVER VELDE

FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover hinted to some congressional callers he doesn't think Chairman Velde of House Un-American Activities Committee does credit to his FBI training....Shortly before he retired, Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan wrote the Army, said he was available to command a division in Europe. Chief of Staff Collins replied there was no assignment for man of Vaughan's rank and abilities currently available.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 31, 1953

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (77-6538)

SUBJECT: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
Former Special Agent  
Now United States Congressman

Rebulet to Baltimore dated March 20, 1953

The files of G-2, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland were checked through the commanding officer of the facility without locating any record of VELDE: RUC.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: July 13, 1953

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Former Special Agent  
HOUSE COMMITTEE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

With reference to the report that [REDACTED] is presently employed by the HCUA, I checked with [REDACTED] told me confidentially that Chairman Velde gave [REDACTED] a two months appointment at \$2,000. The appointment was primarily to assist in rehabilitating [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is spending most of his time in Kentucky.

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The appointment ostensibly was for [REDACTED] to assist in the investigation on religion. Inasmuch as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] felt they should be excused from participating in this investigation inasmuch as both are Catholics, they felt this would give rise to additional criticism by [REDACTED] and persons of that type. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] opposed the appointment. However, Velde had already made the appointment before telling them. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] agreed among themselves this would cause some discomfort on the part of the Bureau in view of [REDACTED] background and they knew nothing of the appointment at the time it was made. Both discussed the possibility of coming to us and letting us know about it but felt that in view of their opposition to Velde, it would be more proper for them to keep out of the situation but to fully furnish us the facts should we make an inquiry.

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[REDACTED] stated that both [REDACTED] and he were quite vigorous in their representations to Velde and Velde sought to justify his position on the ground [REDACTED] had given previous testimony to the Committee. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both pointed out [REDACTED] testimony was slanted and colored and not of any value.

I told [REDACTED] certainly this type of activity on the part of Velde was beyond any comprehension and certainly we could not give any cooperation to the Committee in view of [REDACTED] scurrilous background and that I frankly was amazed that Velde would pull such a stunt.

Should Velde call me I intend not to pull any punches on the matter.

DIRECTORS NOTATION " WE WILL NOT FURNISH ANY FURTHER COOPERATION TO THIS COMMITTEE. WHEN IT SEES FIT TO HIRE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BETRAYED TO HIS TRUST AS AN FBI AGENT WE CAN HAVE NO DEALINGS WITH IT" "

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July 14, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. NICHOLS  
MR. LADD

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At the Staff Luncheon today I took occasion to advise the Attorney General of the action of the Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in appointing former Agent [redacted] who had betrayed his trust as an FBI Agent in furnishing to a New York Newspaper confidential information which he had obtained in his capacity as an FBI Agent. I stated that as a result of this action upon the part of Chairman Velde, I had issued instructions that there was to be no further cooperation with the House Un-American Activities Committee in view of the fact that I did not feel that the security of the same could be depended upon in view of the employment of a man of former Agent [redacted] background and lack of integrity. The Attorney General and [redacted] both concurred in my views upon this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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November 11, 1953

Mr. Tolson:

HAROLD VELDE

[REDACTED] is making a motion picture on the Boy Scouts. The President in the Honorary Chairman of the Boy Scouts. At scenes taken yesterday, [REDACTED] stated, they had the President making a statement and got a couple poses and took only four and a half minutes of the President's time. The President commented that life could be so much simpler and easier if people knew what they were supposed to do.

[REDACTED] has been jockeyed into the position of Chairman of the California State Republican Committee. He did not want it, but now that he has been pushed into it, he is going to try and make the most of it and will be spending some time in Washington.

He stated that from his observations in traveling around the country, things are really in a mess. He also stated that he had been talking to Senator McCarthy this morning. McCarthy is very much exercised over Velde's action in subpoenaing the former President and Justice Clark. [REDACTED] did not think anyone could have any influence over Velde but the Director. Murphy stated that this was a stupid move on the part of Velde and he wondered if there was not some way whereby the Director could get hold of him and straighten him out. I told [REDACTED] for his confidential information that the Lord Himself would have difficulty in straightening Velde out; certainly there was nothing Mr. Hoover could do.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols

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 FROM : L. B. Nichols  
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██████████ of the Gannett Papers, stated that he was very much impressed with the fact that several former Agents have now taken high positions in the Government and he mentioned Congressman Harold Velde (R., Illinois) and Scott McLeod. He wondered if there were others.

I told ██████████ whom I know fairly well, for his strictly personal guidance there were other Congressmen who were former Agents whose records in the Bureau were far more brilliant than was Velde's, but this was only for his own guidance. He stated he did not know that there were other Congressmen who were former Agents. I mentioned the names of Omar Burleson of Texas and Allan Oakley Hunter of California. I also mentioned Governor Edwin L. Mechem of New Mexico and Frank G. Clement of Tennessee.

I told him that in response to his question, the turnover of Agents was exceedingly low; that invariably Agents leave to accept higher paying positions or because of personal situations which necessitate their being in a given locale.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 4, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

*Harold Velde*

[redacted] called me the other night. I think he merely wanted to commiserate. He stated that the source of a lot of his troubles has been through a reporter on the Cincinnati Inquirer by the name of [redacted] who is seeking retaliation against [redacted] because [redacted] put the clamps on former employee [redacted] in turn interested Congressman Scherer (R., Ohio) in this matter, who has been causing him some embarrassment.

[redacted] stated that all kinds of stories are being circulated about him. There is a basis for some and many are untrue. He stated that he, of course, could embarrass several of the Committee members if he were a mind to, but he decided to keep quiet. He stated, for example, Congressman Scherer has used Committee funds to take a stenographer to New York; that Velde took his fiancée across the country at the Committee's expense; that [redacted] liquor bill was paid illegally. He stated that Karl Mundt had told him to stand on his record and not be afraid of anything; however, [redacted] and Committee Counsel [redacted] have been activating to get him out of the job.

He further stated that [redacted] former Special Agent, had put him in bad with Velde because [redacted] had told [redacted] that he doubted Velde had the ability to maintain friendly relations with the FBI as a result of the [redacted] appointment.

[redacted] stated that his big mistake was he had been protecting the staff when he should have been thinking about his own interests. He had been offered a job with Carroll Reece (R., Tennessee) some months ago but decided to stay and face the music rather than to run.

[redacted] was particularly vindictive toward Velde and stated Velde's fiancée [redacted] He also stated that Velde charged \$72 worth of liquor to the Committee; that the Hollywood hearings last year cost \$26,000 which was unnecessary and he had opposed this.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Belmont  
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[REDACTED] further stated that the one thing that looked bad from his standpoint was that when his daughter was ill recently, he went to several banks to borrow money, and even though he had a man who would go on the note with him, the banks would not loan him money; accordingly, he had borrowed \$5,000 from Edward G. Robinson. Since the figures \$300 and \$500 appeared in the papers, I asked [REDACTED] to repeat the figure and he distinctly said \$5,000. He stated this was long after Robinson had appeared as a witness and there was nothing he could do for Robinson.

I, of course, did not take sides, but merely listened.



TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 14, 1954

FROM : R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: JAY LOVESTONE, was.  
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(File 61-1292)

Reference is made to my memorandum dated July 14, 1954, which recommended that Liaison immediately contact Major General Joseph F. Carroll, Director, of OSI, and advise him that a confidential source has advised us that a copy of instant Bureau report is in the personal possession of Congressman Harold Velde. The Director noted:

- "1. I concur.
- "2. I cannot stress too strongly the necessity of giving all aspects of this top priority. H.

[redacted] of Liaison contacted General Carroll at his office at approximately 6:00 p.m., July 14, 1954. General Carroll was allowed to review the Photostat of the report in Congressman Velde's possession and the copy of the report which was retrieved on July 14, 1954, from OSI files, both of which had markings which are apparently identical. [redacted]

[redacted] General Carroll was specifically cautioned not to disclose to Congressman Velde the fact that the Bureau or anyone else is aware that this report is in his possession. He was advised that the Director is particularly concerned regarding this situation and suggested that all angles of this case should receive top priority. General Carroll was, of course, considerably disturbed over the situation and agreed that the case should receive immediate and vigorous attention. He agreed to keep the Bureau currently advised through Liaison as to pertinent developments. General Carroll stated that offhand he knows of no one in OSI whom he would suspect of being responsible but stated that at the outset he considers the entire Counter Intelligence Division and the entire Management Division suspect until he looks into the matter.

The report will be submitted on July 15, 1954, for a latent fingerprint examination.

ACTION: This will be followed closely by Liaison with General Carroll.

cc - Mr. Nichols  
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Mr. Wannell  
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# 'Had Enough,' Say Velde's Neighbors

By CARL HIRSCH

**N**EITHER Sen. Joseph McCarthy nor any of his imitators are heroes in their own home towns. And that observation goes double for Rep. Harold H. Velde.

In the coming Republican primary, in which the Illinois witch-hunter is fighting for his political life, he will get little help from his neighbors.

Pekin, Ill., Velde's home town, is expected to vote heavily against him—as it did before. His home county, Tazewell County, is pretty well lined up in the anti-Velde column. And that also goes for heavily industrialized Peoria County just across the river.

**HOWEVER, IT'S THE FOUR** northern counties in the district—Bureau, Marshall, Stark, Putnam Counties—which hold the key to this crucial primary election.

This is rolling farmland, extraordinarily rich. It's pleasant to follow the Illinois River as it explores this fertile valley from Starved Rock down into the Lincoln country.

I talked here to farmers, to small-town political wheels, to an editor who writes a column about the people he sees each day through his big plateglass window.

Many of them tell you that Velde's "done a good job fighting communism" as chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Others say they know very little about his opponent, Robert Allison, who has been for 20 years a state representative from an area which covers one small corner of this congressional district.

**ONE FARM BUREAU** county agent told me, with some show



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of pride, that "Velde has made a name for himself." It didn't appear to make much difference to him that Velde had made himself more notorious than famous.

With the April 13 primary only weeks away, the political lines are still not sharply drawn here. As distinct from campaign-conscious industrial Peoria, you get the feeling that here in the rural end of the district the Velde-Allison decision is being made in a different way.

"People have to battle this question out with their own conscience," a Bureau County newspaperman told me. "Does fighting Communism mean that you can invade people's beliefs and their religion?"

The Velde-Allison issue is being discussed here more around the

churches than the political meeting halls. Throughout this strongly Protestant district, most of the churches have already taken a stand, one way or the other, on McCarthyism and Veldeism.

**IN SOME CASES**, a battle has raged within a given church and within a denomination. The Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Peoria, Rev. Robert E. Hunt thundered his denunciation of the General Council of the Presbyterian Church because it spoke out against congressional "inquisitions."

"We see little in the world today to justify your specter of the imminence of fascist tyranny," wrote Rev. Hunt to the General Council. But he and his fellow elders stood alone against the rest of the Presbyterian Church of Peoria and of this entire district. The Presbyterians here gave their strong assent to the General Council's meeting—pointed directly at the Velde Committee—that "the shrine of conscience and private judgment, which God alone has a right to enter, is being invaded."

During the week that I was here, the local papers also carried the story about the plea to Congress by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. that the "abuses" of the House Un-American Activities Committee be curbed.

This council embraces 35 million churchgoers throughout America—and the statement certainly had its impact here. There was considerable force as well to the statement approved by the bishops of the Episcopal Church that the Velde Committee was guilty of "what may be described as creeping fascism."

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position to Velde comes from the defenders of the Methodist Church and of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam. And it begins with Velde's own pastor, Rev. Joseph H. Albrecht, of the First Methodist Church of Pekin. When Velde unloosened his broadside against Bishop Oxnam last spring, Rev. Albrecht denounced the proposed witchhunt of the churches by the Un-American Committee and declared, "I consider it a tragic thing to have Rep. Velde even suggest such activity for his committee."

Rev. Albrecht heads the Church Alliance in Pekin, made up of 19 congregations of all denominations. The head of one of the largest of these churches recently told a Pekin newspaperman, "Velde's defeat has become as much a church matter as a political matter."

The churches and the farm organizations may prove decisive in this campaign in which labor and Big Business are so strongly arrayed against each other.

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**THE TRADE UNIONS** are clearly on the side of Allison, the former coal miner and sponsor of pro-labor state legislation. The AFL Temple on North Jefferson Avenue in Peoria is plastered with "Boost Bob Allison" signs, and the big UAW-CIO Local 974 out at the Caterpillar plant has thrown itself strongly into the Allison campaign.

On the other hand, the big industrialists and merchants of the district, the farm equipment manufacturers and the distillers, have piled in the big money behind the labor-baiter, Velde.

Now will the farmers, the small

town folks vote in this election? Those are still the imponderable factors.

In the town of Chillicothe, buzzing with Dollar Day excitement, I talked to an aged bookshop

owner who mentioned that this 18th District had once sent Abraham Lincoln to Congress.

"We've had five years of this Velde," he said. "That's more than enough."

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## Velde Charges Kearney Falls for Left Wing Pitch

Pekin, Ill., March 25 [Special]—Chairman Velde [R., Ill.] of the house committee on un-American activities today indicated a belief that Rep. Kearney [R., N. Y.], a member of the committee, was prompted by left wing criticism in making an attack yesterday upon the committee's staff.

Without mentioning Kearney's name, Velde said a member of his committee had "fallen for a sucker pitch" aimed at diverting attention from the problem of subversion.

### "Seeds of Dissension"

Kearney told a news conference in Washington yesterday the committee's staff setup is "rotten and intolerable" and should be cleaned up immediately. He said staff investigators have been "jockeying for advantage over one another, trying to get raises which are undeserved and engaging in back biting."

Velde, campaigning in his home district for renomination in the April 13 primary election, said in a statement:

"The left wing editorialists and extremists who found themselves on the outs with the change of administration have been attempting to sow their seeds of dissension in our

Republican party and now are directing their barbs principally at the investigating committees of Congress. Their aim is, of course, to divide and conquer.

### Rep. Kearney Silent

"It is indeed regrettable that one of the Republican members of our house committee on un-American activities has fallen for the 'sucker pitch' of those who are bent on diverting attention from the real issues and the problem of subversion.

"While my first impulse is to give vent to the pent-up feeling that is within me upon hearing this, I refuse to allow myself to be used by those who would relish my coking up a big fire and smokescreen to obscure the work we still have to do."

Kearney refused to comment on Velde's statement, saying it did not name him directly.

The New Yorker had protested several weeks ago that Velde had blocked a needed reorganization of the committee's staff by taking matters into his own hands and firing Louis J. Russell, the committee's chief investigator. But Velde won a majority vote of the committee upholding his action.

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January 7, 1955

Mr. Tolson: ✓

RE: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Mr. Tracy called this morning to advise that former Special Agent [redacted] informed him confidentially last night that [redacted] who was the subject of a Bureau investigation some years ago when he left the Civil Service Commission, has maneuvered himself to the point where he is close to Congressman Walter. [redacted] is carrying on an infight against Velde and all former Bureau Agents working on the Committee and that it looks like [redacted] has now succeeded in setting the stage for [redacted] to be fired and the possibility exists that he will also influence Walter against [redacted]. Another former Agent [redacted] may have sufficient backing to be able to stay on. Both [redacted] and [redacted] have been friendly disposed to the Bureau and have been helpful since they have been on the Committee. [redacted] has been more helpful and has gone out of his way on occasions. We, of course, know about [redacted] and his anti-Bureau views, which go back a number of years. He was one of the subjects in the investigation we had some years ago growing out of Senator McCarthy's presentation to the Senate of what purported to be an official report in the Posniak case. [redacted] voluntarily resigned from Civil Service and, of course, is trying to hold on since he is within two years of retirement.

I have been anticipating a call from Walters. I frankly intend to take the position that while we are in no position to express an opinion on members of the staff we do know that [redacted] and [redacted] had good records in the Bureau and both have an excellent background of experience. If the opportunity presents itself, I intend to also point out that we are a little apprehensive in view of [redacted] antagonism in the Bureau, which grew out of our investigation on feeding material to McCarthy some [redacted] ago. I do not think, however, that I should take the initiative, although Walter has asked me to come down and see him but has never specified a time and I interpret that as a general invitation.

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If opportunity presented itself I would

be inclined to tell Walters about *[redacted]* in  
confidence.

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S. B. Nichols  
Room 5640, Ext. 691

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: January 10, 1955

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] D.C.

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**PURPOSE:**

Former Assistant Director [REDACTED] advised Mr. Nichols that [REDACTED] has been carrying on an infight against Velde and former Bureau Agents working for the House Committee on Un-American Activities. [REDACTED] supposedly has influence with Congressman Walter and [REDACTED] has been anti-Bureau.

The Director noted, "What do we have on [REDACTED]"

**BACKGROUND:**

There is attached a three-page memorandum dated 3-20-51 summarizing data on [REDACTED] in Bufiles. A search of files fails to reveal any reference to [REDACTED] subsequent to 3-51. This summary was requested when it was noted that [REDACTED] had been appointed Minority Counsel for HCUA.

Following are the high lights on background of [REDACTED] contained in attached memorandum:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. This is for your information.

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 cc - Mr. Nichols  
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Mr. Tolson

Dec. 17, 1955

L. B. Nichols

Harold ELDE

Former Special Agent [redacted] came by to see me on the morning of December 17th. In the course of the conversation, I inquired as to what the business was all about in the HCUA and the Clardy statement and then I mentioned I was amazed that an old hand like [redacted] would be caught off base with a photostatic copy of an FBI report.

[redacted] stated this was a very serious matter; that he did not learn of it until October 4; that he deeply regrets he did not come to us immediately, but when he learned of it the situation had gotten to the point where he found it very difficult to come to us in view of the situation which has developed on the committee. I asked him what the background was of the whole thing. He pointed out that [redacted] had photostated the report in January; that apparently this is permitted in the Air Force and he had gotten it up for his own file. In April when the HCUA was hearing [redacted] in connection with Jay Lovestone, [redacted] met [redacted] who has since been made Chief Investigator for the Committee, on the ellipse and gave the photostatic reproduction to [redacted] after he had clipped off the file number and identifying marks. [redacted] kept this report ten days, during which period of time he edited the report, cutting out the names of informants, informant symbols and had the report retyped in narrative form. The photostat was returned to [redacted] states that [redacted] thinks he burned it. (This probably is not correct. If [redacted] gave a photostatic copy to [redacted] this is merely my conjecture).

[redacted] then stated that in July apparently word of the report got to the Air Force from the Bureau. [redacted] was interrogated by the Air Force and denied he had the report. However, in August he admitted he HAD destroyed the report.

cc Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont

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On October 1, when [redacted] learned of the report, he told [redacted] to tell [redacted] to return the report to [redacted]. However, [redacted] then learned they were in too deep and that members of the committee had been advised of the report. Furthermore, [redacted] declined to return the report since he felt there was no danger of any difficulties arising and the Air Force would not dare take any action against him. [redacted] stated he had since learned that in September, when the HCUA went to Dayton, Ohio, to hold hearings, that [redacted] advised Congressman Walter Scherer and Clardy about the general facts of the report; that [redacted] was now under suspicion of having given the report. [redacted] felt that Scherer should go to the White House; that Congressman Clardy should contact Secretary Talbott. At a subsequent date, prior to this being done, when [redacted] learned of this, he put a stop to it on the ground that Scherer had no standing at the White House and could not get other things he wanted, and further it would be inadvisable for Clardy to go to Brucker. Congressman Clardy knows Governor Brucker and it was felt the Air Force was under obligation to Clardy since a case had arisen wherein an Air Force Sergeant or Army Sergeant [redacted] was not too clear on this) was dismissed by virtue of his associations with Communists. The HCUA got on to this and contemplated holding hearings until Secretary Talbott and General Carroll went to Clardy and asked him to withhold the hearings. Clardy agreed and has felt the Air Force would be obligated to him as a result. Further, he claimed acquaintanceship with Governor Brucker.

[redacted] further stated that his position was difficult since when [redacted] was first confronted as a suspect, [redacted] and [redacted] suspected [redacted] as the source of the tip off on the report.

On October 1, [redacted] made a brief reference to the staff about the report, but did not elaborate. On October 3, [redacted] had a buffet supper. [redacted] was there. There was some discussion and then [redacted] told [redacted] the facts in detail for the first time. On October 4, [redacted] told [redacted] to have [redacted] go to General Carroll or [redacted] and return the report. As already indicated, [redacted] refused as he had the idea the Air Force would be afraid to do anything to him as the Air Force would be fearful of stirring up a mess.



In early November, [redacted] received notification of charges made by a military board. At this point, [redacted] felt duty-bound to call Velde. He accordingly did call Velde and in three or four days Velde came to Washington. They discussed the matter. Velde called Secretary Talbott for an appointment, which was made and on November 15th, Velde, [redacted] and [redacted] went to the Air Force to keep the appointment. Talbott met them, then claimed he had to go to a meeting and the conference was continued with Undersecretary James H. Douglas, [redacted] and [redacted] representing the Air Force.

In the course of the conference, [redacted] volunteered to RETURN the report to the Air Force. Velde supported him on this. [redacted] Douglas, however, was not considering the intelligence aspect, but his approach to the conference reflected concern only with [redacted] denial of having the report when first interviewed and with reference to the voluntary offer on the part of [redacted] which was supported by Velde. Undersecretary Douglas stated that this was a matter "between Mr. Hoover and yourselves". This was surprising to [redacted] since [redacted] and [redacted] of the Air Force appeared to be in agreement on the return of the report. Talbott came in near the end of the conference and stated that he would not inject himself into the conference since the matter had been referred to Douglas, [redacted] and [redacted].

[redacted] insisted that Velde did not know of the existence of the report until early in November and Congressman Jackson did not learn of the report until yesterday, while Congressman Kearney, Frasier, Moulder and Doyle still do not know of the report, unless they have read of it in the papers. With reference to Congressman Clardy, he was very much interested in Jay Lovestone and in the [redacted] charges. As a matter of fact, Clardy tried to inject this into the hearings in Miami a few weeks ago, but the staff was able to get him off the subject. [redacted] is confident that Clardy has a copy of the report. He does not know what he will do with it. Clardy feels rather keenly about Jay Lovestone.

On November 22, Clardy saw Secretary Talbott to inter-  
cede for [redacted]. Clardy was very much taken back since Secretary Talbott told him that he should be ashamed of the action of the committee in taking the report from [redacted] and keeping it in their files. [redacted] stated he had the impression today that perhaps Clardy is somewhat contrite but does not know exactly what the situation will be with him.

Velde is concerned and has talked to Vice President Nixon about the matter, pointing out this was an indication of the necessity for the administration to relax the Executive Order in order to make some material available. [redacted] had told Velde if there was every any hope of having the Executive Order relaxed, it is now completely gone.

[redacted] stated that since he was suspected by members of the staff of being the source, he naturally was concerned as to how the Air Force found out about the report. He further added that as he looks back now, the situation is incredible. He agrees that the House Committee should not have ever taken the report and certainly the Committee looks bad in hiring [redacted] however, the plan was to give [redacted] a months salary in the face of Christmas, since it was obvious that after the first of the year nobody would know what would happen to the staff.

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[redacted] further reiterated that he should have come to the Bureau promptly. He then reminded me of his concern over Velde's hiring former Special Agent [redacted] and of our reaction and he cannot understand how Velde would do some of the things he has, knowing of the repercussions. I told him it was difficult for us to understand and as I had previously told him, [redacted] had violated our confidence, violated the security of Bureau reports; that the action of the committee in hiring [redacted] was an affront to the Bureau; that the action of the committee in permitting a photostatic copy of a Bureau report to be in its possession, if only for ten days, was an affront and if the security of our reports are ever breached to the point where they cannot be maintained inviolate, then we might just as well close up shop and the mission we all served is bigger than all of us as individuals.

I got the impression [redacted] is pretty sick about the whole thing and is sorry over the manner in which he evaluated the situation and he did not come to us because he reiterated several times there was nothing he would not do to safeguard the good relationship which he has had with the Bureau in times gone by. I told [redacted] the whole thing was sickening.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: 2/27/57

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS

**SUBJECT: FORMER SPECIAL AGENT  
HAROLD H. VELDE**

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On 2/26/57 [REDACTED] (R. Ill.)  
called inquiring as to the starting grade of Special Agents. Inquiry as to the reason for her wanting this information disclosed that former Congressman Harold H. Velde is apparently interested in applying for Government employment, since [REDACTED] stated she was trying to make out a Form 57 for him and wanted to know his grade when he was an agent. She also stated she would like the name of his supervisor to put on the Form 57.

She was advised that it would be unnecessary to list the name of the supervisor since any service record inquiry would be simply referred to the Bureau by the supervisor in any event.

[REDACTED] then wanted to know whether Mr. Velde could be furnished a service record by the Bureau and she was advised the Bureau normally confined furnishing such service records to prospective employers, in view of the confidential relationship which existed between former and prospective employers.

It was obvious that she was conferring with Velde during the phone conversation. She then inquired whether Congressman Michel could be furnished with Velde's service record if he requested it. She was told that the Bureau, of course, would try to furnish any possible information to the Congressman for his confidential information and she then stated that all she really wanted was the grade that Mr. Velde was in at the time he left the Bureau.

After a check of the payroll card, [REDACTED] was advised that Mr. Velde was in grade CAF 11 at \$4300 a year when he left the Bureau's service. (b)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Being furnished for information purposes.

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July 1, 1957

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Harold Himmel Velde is applying for admission to the bar of the District of Columbia and our Conference is preparing the required character report. He was born near Pekin, Illinois, on April 1, 1910, received his LL.B. from the University of Illinois in 1937, and practiced law in Pekin, Illinois, thereafter to October 1942.

Mr. Velde says he was with your Bureau as a special agent from October 1942 to October 1945 and, as he gives addresses in Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Chicago during this period, we assume he was stationed in those cities part of the time. We need the dates of his service at each location and a statement as to whether or not his record with you is entirely clear.

All data will be for the confidential use of the D.C. admitting authority, and your early reply will be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

*Marjorie Merritt*  
Director

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 7/12/57

FROM : H. L. Edwards *HL*

SUBJECT: HAROLD H. VELDE  
 Entered on Duty 11/16/42  
 Resigned 9/28/45  
 Former Special Agent  
 Service Record Inquiry

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We have received an inquiry concerning the services of former SA Velde from the National Conference of Bar Examiners, Denver, Colorado. This is in connection with his application for admission to the Bar of the District of Columbia.

Velde entered on duty 11/16/42 and served in the Salt Lake City, San Francisco, and Chicago Offices. He resigned voluntarily 9/28/45 to enter the private practice of law. His services were satisfactory. His last performance rating was "Very Good" and comment was made that he showed initiative and resourcefulness, that he performed his tasks in a competent manner and discharged his responsibility in a resourceful and aggressive fashion.

He returned to Pekin, Illinois, and eventually became a judge of the County Court. In 1948 he gave an interview which appeared in the "Peoria Star" newspaper, Peoria, Illinois, 9/17/48 which disclosed some information concerning confidential investigative techniques. In addition to this, on 9/17/48 he appeared before a Special Sub-Committee of the House Committee on Unamerican Activities and gave testimony in Executive Session. The analysis of his testimony disclosed it to be replete with inaccuracy.

This entire matter was considered unfavorably by the Bureau since he disclosed investigative techniques and confidential information concerning security investigations which it was felt would adversely effect the Bureau's coverage in Soviet Espionage cases.

Following this, he ran for and was elected to Congress from his district in Illinois and one of his assignments while in Congress was with the House Committee on Unamerican Activities. While in Congress he made numerous contacts with former Bureau agents in an effort to secure information from them. He became involved in a great deal of contention concerning his activities and statements while with this Committee. In 1954 advice was received that he had in his possession a copy of a Bureau report in an Espionage matter which had apparently been obtained from the files of OSI and which received considerable undesirable publicity.

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Miss Marjorie Merritt  
Director  
National Conference of Bar Examiners  
520 Guaranty Bank Building  
Denver 2, Colorado

Dear Miss Merritt:

Receipt is acknowledged of your inquiry dated July 1, 1957, regarding Mr. Harold Himmelfelde, who has applied for admission to the bar of the District of Columbia.

Following a pre-employment investigation, Mr. Felde entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on November 16, 1942, as a Special Agent. While attending training school he was assigned to Washington, D. C., and Quantico, Virginia. After a period of training, he performed investigative duties in the following locations:

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Chicago, Illinois	6-27-45	9-28-45

Mr. Felde voluntarily resigned effective September 28, 1945 to return to the private practice of law.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Based on memorandum from H. L. Edwards to Mr. Mohr dated 7-12-57, captioned HAROLD H. VELDE, former Special Agent, Service Record Inquiry. LLD:jfm

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March 10, 1960

MR. HAROLD VELDE

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Memorandum prepared for the Liaison Section for transmittal to Department of Agriculture.

W. V. Cleveland

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Mr. Velde's services in the Bureau were very good at the time of his separation. After he left the Bureau, he demonstrated a deplorable lack of judgment in his activities and statements. He publicly furnished information concerning confidential investigative techniques of the Bureau. In September of 1948, he appeared before Special Sub-Committee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and gave testimony in Executive Session, which was replete with inaccuracies. This matter was considered unfavorably by the Bureau. Subsequently he ran for and was elected to Congress from his district in Illinois. His biography in the 1952 Congressional Directory stated he had been released from the Army Signal Corps to become an SA. Actually he enlisted in the Reserve Corps of the Army Signal Corps on 10-22-42 and was offered an appointment as SA on 11-7-42. In view of his appointment he was allowed to resign his reserve appointment in the Army Signal Corps. One of his assignments was with the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He was unpopular with members of this committee in early 1953 because of his statement that the committee was going to inquire into the infiltration by the Communist Party of religious groups. Also, while in this capacity, he made numerous contacts with former Bureau Agents to secure information from them. In 1954, information was received that he obtained one of our Espionage reports from files of OSI. This incident received considerable undesirable publicity.

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All the way through he seems to have demonstrated a deplorable lack of good judgment in his activities and statements since he left the Bureau.

There is attached a letter to the National Conference of Bar Examiners giving his service record facts, but omitting comment as to the quality of his services or his character or integrity.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter responding to the inquiry from the National Conference of Bar Examiners be approved and forwarded.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*TO : Mr. Belmont *abw*

DATE: March 8, 1960

FROM : F. A. Frohbose *fa*SUBJECT: HAROLD VELDE  
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT  
FORMER CONGRESSMAN  
FORMER HEAD HCUA1-Mr. Parsons; 1-Mr. Belmont;  
1-Adm. Div. (Attn. [redacted]);  
1-[redacted] 1-[redacted]  
1-[redacted] 1-Mr. Frohbose;  
1-Mr. Cleveland

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On the morning of 3/8/60, [redacted] Assistant Director of Personnel for Security and Investigations, Department of Agriculture, telephonically advised that Harold Velde was presently in Secretary Benson's office and that Secretary Benson is considering proposing Velde's name to the President to be General Counsel for Agriculture. [redacted] stated that this had to be kept confidential for the time being inasmuch as the present General Counsel had just submitted his resignation and it has not as yet been accepted by the President.

[redacted] stated when Velde leaves Secretary Benson's office, he may receive a request from Secretary Benson to obtain information from the FBI regarding Velde, and he wanted to alert us to this fact. [redacted] was specifically interested in knowing whether or not we had previously conducted a special investigation of Velde in connection with a Presidential Appointment.

ACTION:

The Name Check Section, Special Inquiry Section, and Administrative Division have been alerted to this request so that files can be pulled, but no further action will be taken until a specific request is received from [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 10, 1960

MR. HAROLD *VELDE*

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March 9, 1960

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
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Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
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Mr. Ingram	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Secretary of Agriculture is considering the application of Harold H. Velde, a former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for possible recommendation to the President to fill a very important post in the Department of Agriculture, which will become vacant about March 15, 1960. He has asked me to determine whether the records of the FBI contain any adverse information which may affect the suitability of Mr. Velde for this position.

Any information you can furnish me in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*W. George Goold*

W. George Goold  
Assistant Director for  
Security & Investigations

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March 10, 1960

Mr. W. George Goold  
Assistant Director of Personnel for  
Security and Investigations  
Room 334W  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Goold:

I have your letter of March 9, 1960, advising that the Secretary of Agriculture is considering the application of Harold H. Velde, a former Special Agent of this Bureau, for a post in the Department of Agriculture.

The records of this Bureau disclose that Mr. Velde entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on November 16, 1942, as a Special Agent, Grade CAF 9, \$3200 per annum. Following a period of training, he performed investigative duties. He submitted his voluntary resignation effective at the close of business September 28, 1945, to return to the private practice of law. At the time of his separation, he was receiving salary of \$4300 per annum in Grade CAF 11.

This Bureau is not intimately acquainted with former Agent Velde's activities since leaving our service in September, 1945.

I hope that the above information will be of assistance in this matter.

Attention:

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Letter to Mr. W. George Goold

NOTE ON YELLOW:

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December 28, 1962

Honorable Harold Velde  
3918 Stone Gate Drive  
Suitland, Maryland

Dear Mr. Velde:

[redacted] has advised me of your call to my office yesterday and I regret my absence precluded me from talking to you.

While I appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to speak at the Madison County Historical Society Banquet in Springfield, Illinois, on February 12th, a prior commitment will prevent me from being in the Springfield area on that date. I am sorry it is not possible to accept your kind invitation but know you will understand.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Former Congressman and Bureau Agent Harold Velde, who EOD 11-16-42, resigned 9-28-48, telephoned the Director's Office on 12-27-62 and was referred to [redacted]. Velde called to invite the Director to speak before this group on 2-12-62 and [redacted] advised that this invitation would be brought to Mr. Hoover's attention. Full address per telephone directory.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**RE: MR. HAROLD H. VELDE**

A character and fitness investigation including an appropriate security check was completed by the FBI on October 19, 1942. No pertinent derogatory information regarding this employee was disclosed by this investigation, which was of the type later contemplated by Executive Order 10450. The employee was cleared for access to information of all classifications as required by the duties to which assigned.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

May 15, 1969

General Services Administration  
Personnel Division, Room 1286  
219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604 (5BRPP)

Gentlemen:

RE: **MR. HAROLD H. VELDE**

In accordance with your request you will find the  
following enclosed:

- ☒ Official Personnel Folder  
☐ Record of Leave Data Transferred

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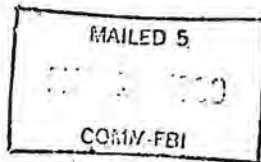
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SECURITY INVESTIGATION REPORT  
NO. 10450 FOR SENATIVE POSITION

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INSTRUCTIONS. - Prepare in triplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. If more space is needed for any item, continue under item 28.

1. FULL NAME  (Initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(NMN)"; if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)".)	(LAST NAME) Velde	(FIRST NAME) Harold	(MIDDLE NAME) Himmel	2. DATE OF BIRTH 4/1/10
	OTHER NAMES USED. (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.)  None			3. PLACE OF BIRTH Parkland, Tazewell Co., Ill.
				4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
5. HEIGHT 6'2½"		WEIGHT 235	COLOR EYES Grey	
		COLOR HAIR Grey		

6. <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE. First wife-Olive Pfander Velde, 4-15-09, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Married-Peoria, Ill., 6-6-31. Died-Pekin, Ill., 9-22-52. Second wife-Idolores Anderson Velde, 7-11-16, Beecher City, Ill. Married-Baltimore, Md., 12-8-54. Divorced-Las Vegas, Nev., 2-7-57. Remarried-Washington, D.C., 9-12-58.
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8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 28 on other side if necessary.)

FROM	TO	NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE
11/67	Present	18333 Wentworth Ave.	Lansing	Ill.
1/66	11/67	17241 Burnham	Lansing	Ill.
1/65	1/66	542 W. 13th St.	Chicago Heights	Ill.

(See inserts)

9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. CITIZEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY BIRTH	<input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED	ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT
	CERT. NO.		PETITION NO.	
<input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN	<input type="checkbox"/> DERIVED-PARENTS CERT. NO(S).		REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY
			DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY	

10. EDUCATION. (All schools above elementary.)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	DEGREES
Manito Community H.S.	Manito, Ill.	1923	1927	
Bradley University	Peoria, Ill.	1927	1929	
Northwestern University	Evanston, Ill.	1929	1931	B.S.
University of Illinois Law School	Urbana, Ill.	1932	1937	LL.B.

BY COURIER SVC. 1023 1927 1929 1931 1932 COMM-FBI Summers and regular sessions.

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11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE. (See also Form 29.)  SEE REVERSE SIDE 20 JUL 1969	12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 329 34 1575
	13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present) BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.) FROM (Yr.) TO (Yr.) Private Army, Signal Corps 8/42 12/42

14. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED (FIRED) FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

15. EMPLOYMENT. (List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Give both month and year for all dates. Show ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. Give name under which employed if different from name now used.)

FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND SUPERVISOR (Full name, if known)	ADDRESS (Where employed)	TYPE OF WORK	REASON FOR LEAVING
4/55	Present	Taste and Tell Caterers, Inc.	291 River Oaks Dr. Calumet City, Ill.	Manager, Mobile Industrial Catering	
10/59	4/65	Self employed in legal business	515 N. Jefferson Annex Peoria, Ill.	Legal	
1/57	10/59	Self employed in legal business	100 S. Bennett St. Urbana, Ill.	Legal	
1/49	1/57	House of Representatives (18th Dist., Ill.) 81st, 82nd, 83rd and 84th Congresses.	Washington, D. C.	Legislative	Was not a candidate for 85th Congress.
12/46	1/49	Tazewell Co. Judge	Pekin, Ill.	Judicial	Resigned to take up congressional duties.
12/45	12/46	Practicing law	Pekin, Ill.		County judgeship
10/42	12/45	FBI, Dept. of Justice	Washington, D. C.	FBI Agent	Resigned to re-enter legal business.
8/42	10/42	U. S. Army, Signal Corps, 5th Army Headquarters	Chicago, Ill.	Electronics Training Group	To enter service as Spec. Agent FBI - Hon. Discharge 12-29-42.

(See insert)

16. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED (FIRED) FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

17. HAVE YOU EVER RESIGNED (QUIT) AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT YOUR EMPLOYER INTENDED TO DISCHARGE (FIRE) YOU FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO. (If your answer to 16 or 17 above is "Yes" give details in item 28. Show the name and address of employer, approximate date, and reasons in each case. This information should agree with the statements made in item 15—EMPLOYMENT.)

18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OR QUESTIONING, OR CHARGED BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY? (You may omit: (1) Traffic violations for which you paid a fine of \$30 or less; and (2) anything that happened before your 16th birthday. All other incidents must be included, even though they were dismissed or you merely forfeited collateral.) ☐ YES ☒ NO.

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

DATE	CHARGE	PLACE	LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	ACTION TAKEN
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C. Dates and Places of Residence (Continued)

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Number and Street</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
9/63	12/64	5070 Silver Hill Ct., Apt. 2	Suitland	Md.
4/63	9/63	3009 Southern, S. E.	Suitland	Md.
8/61	4/63	3918 Stonegate Dr., Apt. 2A	Washington	D. C.
9/58	8/61	3608 Austin, S. E.	Washington	D. C.
6/57	9/58	Woodner Hotel, 16th Ave., NW	Washington,	D. C.
11/53	6/57	1500 N. Eighth St.	Pekin	Ill.
11/46	11/53	700 S. Ninth St.	Pekin	Ill.
10/45	11/46	616 S. Summer St.	Pekin	Ill.
8/45	10/45	700 Block - Hinman Ave.	Evanston	Ill.
6/45	8/45	6700 Block - S. Union Ave.	Chicago	Ill.
6/43	6/45	2315 Pacific Ave.	San Francisco	Calif.
2/43	6/43	1177 S. 8th E. St.	Salt Lake City	Utah
11/42	2/43	FBI Training Academy M. Barker Rm. Hse., 4th St., SE	Quantico Washington	Va. D. C.
8/42	11/42	Miramar Hotel	Chicago	Ill.
8/39	8/42	731 Park Ave.	Pekin	Ill.
6/35	8/39	1644 N. Glen Oak St.	Peoria	Ill.

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## C. Dates and Places of Residence (Continued)

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Number and Street</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
Washington, D. C., Virginia, and Maryland residences while U. S. Representative in Congress from 1949 to 1957				
9/54	11/57	5600 - 24th Ave., S. E.	Hillcrest Heights	Md.
6/53	9/54	2070 Wahler St., S. E.	Washington	D. C.
1/49	6/53	3424 Martha Curtis Dr.	Arlington	Va.
Illinois residences while practicing law from 1957 to 1965				
9/58	1/65	Towne House Motel 1522 Knoxville	Morton Peoria	Ill. Ill.
6/57	9/58	No. 3 Siems Court	Urbana	Ill.

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13. Employment (Continued)

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>Reason for Leaving</u>
10/37	8/42	Self employed as lawyer associated with Velde & Prettyman, Attorneys at Law	Pekin, Ill.	General Law Practice	To enlist in U. S. Army, Signal Corps.
3/35	10/37	Attending University of Illinois	Urbana, Ill.	Student	To enter legal business.
9/31	8/35	Hillsdale Community High School	Hillsdale, Ill.	Teacher & Athletic Coach	To study law.

27. Foreign Countries Visited (since 1946). (Continued)

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Date Left U.S.A.</u>	<u>Date Returned U.S.A.</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
England, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Austria, Switzerland	3-15-56 (approx.)	9-30-56 (approx.)	As member of Congressional Committee, Ed. and Labor.

28. Relatives. (Continued)

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Country by birth</u>	<u>Present Citizenship</u>
Brother	Richard William Valde	1907	300 N. Charlotte Havana, Ill.	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
[Brother	Lt. Col. Robert L. Valde (Ret.)	1918	1232 Gerald St. Missoula, Mont.	U.S.A.	U.S.A.

29a. References. (Continued)

<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Home Address</u>	<u>Business Address</u>	<u>Years Known</u>
Philip C. Hauser	Towne House Motel Morton, Ill.	Towne House Motel Morton, Ill.	22

29b. Close Personal Associates. (Continued)

<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Home Address</u>	<u>Business Address</u>	<u>Years Known</u>
Timothy W. Swain, Sr.	7412 N. Edgewild Dr. Peoria, Ill.	1900 Savings Center Tower Peoria, Ill.	30

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19. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A MENTAL CONDITION? ☐ YES ☒ NO.  
(If your answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

20. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930). (Exclusive of military service.)

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RETURNED U.S.A.	PURPOSE
Panama, Haiti, South America	12-10-54	12-30-54	Pleasure and Panama Canal Zone tour of inspection.

(See insert)

21. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

22. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEKS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

23. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 21 OR 22 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. IN ITEM 28 OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS FORM, GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
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24. MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. (List all organizations in which you are now a member or have been a member, except those which show religious or political affiliations.) (If none, so state.)

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	TYPE	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
AF & AM Lodge 476	Manito, Ill.	Fraternal	1939	Present	Worshipful Master
Creve Coeur Club	Peoria, Ill.	Social	1936	Present	None
American Legion Post 44	Pekin, Ill.	Social	1945	Present	None

25. RELATIVES. (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. If person is dead, state "dead" after relationship and furnish information for other columns as of time of death.)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	YEAR OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father (dead)	Henry J. Velde	1882	Manito, Ill.	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Mother (dead)	Laura Himmel Velde	1888	Manito, Ill.	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Wife (dead)	Olive Whittington	1909	700 S. Ninth Pekin, Ill.	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Wife	Dolores Anderson Velde	1916	18333 Wentworth Ave. Lansing, Ill.	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Son (by first wife)	Richard Whittington Velde	1931	2113 E. Hayes Arlington, Va.	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Daughter (by first wife)	Mrs. Joan Velde Ketelsen	1933	3623 N. Main St. Racine, Wis.	U.S.A.	U.S.A.

(See insert)



26a. REFERENCE (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are aware of your qualifications and fitness.)			
NAME IN FULL	HOME ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
Walter M. Dirksen	215 Wagon Vista Peoria, Ill.	Senate Office Bldg. Washington, D. C.	30
Robert E. Michel	1229 N. Glenwood Peoria, Ill.	House Office Bldg. Washington, D. C.	20
26b. CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES (Name three persons, such as friends, schoolmates or colleagues, who know you well.)			
NAME IN FULL	HOME ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
Eugene Reiter	816 W. Stratford Dr. Peoria, Ill.	1st Natl. Bk. Bldg. Peoria, Ill.	30
Ralph Claasson	504 W. Merle Lane Peoria, Ill.	Hiram Walker Dist. Plant Peoria, Ill.	30 (See insert)

27. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A FULL FIELD OR BACKGROUND PERSONAL INVESTIGATION BY ANY AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? ☒ YES ☐ NO. (If your answer is "Yes," show in item 28, (1) the name of the investigating agency (2) the approximate date of investigation, and (3) the level of security clearance granted, if known.)

28. SPACE FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS. (Show item numbers to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space here.)

27.

Federal Bureau of Investigation July 1942 Investigation made for application for Special Agent, FBI.

June 17, 1969

The files of the FBI indicate that a memorandum pertaining to the employee was transmitted to the General Services Administration on May 15, 1969.

"FBI files contain no additional information concerning this individual. No investigation is contemplated under Executive Order 10450. This is not a clearance or disapproval for Federal employment. This should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies."

This reply is result of check of FBI investigative files. To check arrest records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division. (Fingerprints are necessary for positive check.)

NOTE: Former Bureau employee. Not derogatory.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Records Branch

JUN 28 1969

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☒ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)  
☐ Subversive References Only  
☐ Nonsubversive References Only  
☐ Main References Only

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☐ Restricted to Locality of \_\_\_\_\_  
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Subject Velde, Harold Herman  
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 Address \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 7-17-69

FROM : J. B. Adams *JBA*

SUBJECT: HAROLD H. VELDE  
Former Special Agent  
EOD 11/16/42; Resigned 9/28/45  
Former Congressman  
Employed by GSA  
Service Record Request

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Person \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Civil Service Commission has requested a service record summary on former SA Velde presumably in connection with his employment as an attorney-adviser, GS-15, with the General Services Administration (GSA), Chicago, Illinois. We were previously advised by GSA he entered on duty with that agency 5/4/69 and in response to a request we forwarded his Official Personnel Folder.

Velde entered on duty as SA 11/16/42 in grade CAF-9 and resigned 9/28/45 while in CAF-11.

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Velde's services in the Bureau were very good at the time of his separation. After he left the Bureau, he demonstrated a deplorable lack of judgment in his activities and statements. He publicly furnished information concerning confidential investigative techniques of the Bureau. In September, 1948, he appeared before a Special Sub-committee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and gave testimony in executive session which was replete with inaccuracies. He was a member of Congress from Illinois from 1949 through 1956. His biography in the 1952 Congressional Directory stated he had been released from the Army Signal Corps to become an Agent. Actually, he enlisted in the Reserve Corps of the Army Signal Corps on 10/22/42 and was offered an appointment as SA 11/7/42. In view of his appointment he was allowed to resign his reserve appointment in the Army. One of his assignments was with the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He was unpopular with members of this committee in early 1953 because of his statement that the Committee was going to inquire into the infiltration by the Communist Party of religious groups. While in this capacity he made numerous contacts with former Bureau Agents to secure information from them. In 1954 information was received that he obtained one of our espionage reports from the files of OSI. This incident received considerable undesirable publicity.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Gale

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Memorandum Adams to Callahan  
Re: Harold H. Velde  
Service Record Request

RECOMMENDATION:

That enclosed proposed service record summary on Velde be approved and forwarded to the Special Investigative Division for transmittal to the Commission. It includes only his period of service along with entrance and final grades and salaries and omits any comment as to character and services. This is consistent with previous service record summaries furnished on Velde.

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Division (Adams)  
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PERMANENT BRIEF OF FILE OF HAROLD H. VELDE ATTACHED.

July 17, 1969

MR. HAROLD HIMMEL *VELDE*

Mr. Velde entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation November 16, 1942, as a Special Agent, Grade CAF 9, \$3200 per annum. After a period of training, he performed investigative duties. He submitted his voluntary resignation effective at the close of business September 28, 1945, to return to the private practice of law. At the time of his separation, he was receiving salary of \$4300 per annum in Grade CAF 11.

Memorandum prepared for the Special Investigative Division for transmittal to the Civil Service Commission.  
J. B. Cuskelly

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Based on memo Adams to Callahan RGH:wjb 7-17-69.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 7-17-69

FROM : J. B. Adams

SUBJECT: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
Former Special Agent  
(Resigned 9-28-45, to return to private practice of law.)

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## PERMANENT BRIEF

Entered on Duty	11-16-42
Reported to Field	2-12-43
Resigned	9-28-45
Last Grade and Salary	CAF-11, \$4300
Last Salary Change	7-1-45 (Basic Increase)
Age	59 (4-1-1910)
Place of Birth	Springlake Township, Illinois
Marital Status as of 10-45	Married (2 Children)
Education	Bachelor of Science & Laws Degrees
Language Ability	German (Fair/Good)
Last Performance Rating	VERY GOOD (8-30-45)
Offices of Preference as of 10-45	Springfield
Firearms Ability	Qualified
Outstanding Endorsers	None
Relatives in the Bureau	None
Offices of Assignment:	
2-12-43 assigned	Salt Lake City
6-18-43 transferred	San Francisco
6-27-45 transferred	Chicago
9-28-45 resigned	

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At the conclusion of his training period, Mr. Clegg said he was a little blunt, gave the impression at times as being self-centered but had shown improvement in overcoming these delinquencies, was slightly above average in his class in training school and should develop into at least an average Agent in the field.

On 2-12-43 he was assigned to Salt Lake City. On 3-31-43 SAC Newman rated him as FAIR and said his appearance was average or slightly below average, was tall, large boned and at first gave the impression of being somewhat rural, could be a little snappier in his movements and approach, his dictation was rated as fair, his reports had been very good for an Agent of his length of service, was average in his ability to contact law enforcement officers, seemed to have organized and initiated investigations quite well, had indicated an interest in SIS although it was believed he needed additional seasoning in the field before being qualified for such an assignment.

On 6-18-43 he was transferred to San Francisco. On 6-25-43 SAC Newman rated him as GOOD and said he at times gave the impression of being a little awkward, however, since the last report he had demonstrated considerable more confidence in himself in discussions regarding his work and in his daily reports, was very conscientious, loyal and energetic, anxious to succeed, his reports had been good for a new Agent, and he had exhibited unusual attention to small details, had had considerable experience in the field of radio, electricity and sound work, should not be used on dangerous assignments until he had additional experience, made satisfactory progress and with continued application should develop into at least an average Agent.

On 8-31-43 SAC Pieper rated him as GOOD and advised he possessed a pleasant personality, although much more quiet and reserved than the average agent, exercised good judgment and demonstrated average initiative and resourcefulness for an agent of his length of service, seemed to have enough force and aggressiveness to properly handle his duties, could be used on dangerous assignments, organized his assignments well and was capable of properly initiating investigations and following them through to logical conclusions, had been making normal progress, and should continue to develop as he acquired more experience in connection with Bureau work.

By letter dated 9-21-43 SAC Pieper called the Bureau's attention to the fact that this Agent while conducting an investigation at Hayward, Calif. in a routine Selective Service case, effected the apprehension of [redacted] and [redacted] who were implicated in the theft of \$5100 in cash and bonds valued at approximately \$4750 from [redacted] Calif. Also as a result of this incident a NSPA investigation was instituted regarding one [redacted] who was subsequently apprehended in Kansas City. SAC Pieper commended this Agent for his alertness and resourcefulness and recommended that he be considered for a salary increase. By letter dated 10-8-43 this Agent was commended for his alertness and attention to duty in connection with the above investigation and was advised he was being promoted to CAF-10, \$3500, effective October 16, 1943. b6 b7

During an inspection of the San Francisco Office in February 1944, the Inspector [redacted] said he created a very fine first impression, seemed to be quite satisfactory as an agent, it was possible, however, that he lacked in judgment in that he seemed to be worried about how to handle given situations and wanted certain rules to follow rather than being able to figure the things out for himself, and his status was rated as GOOD.

On 3-31-44 SAC Pieper rated him as VERY GOOD and reported he made a good personal appearance, had a rather quiet personality, but was friendly, pleasant, had an average amount of cheerfulness, was compatible, and worked well with his fellow employees, conveyed a serious,

businesslike manner and appeared steady, had indicated he possessed good judgment and had been alert, had indicated he possessed initiative, resourcefulness, and willingness to accept responsibility, had a sufficient amount of force and aggressiveness to handle his assignments in a proper manner, had been cooperative, thoughtful, interested in his work, and anxious to improve himself, average dictator, it was believed he could be utilized, under proper supervision, on a limited dangerous assignment, his ability in contacting law enforcement officials and business executives was regarded as average, organized his work satisfactorily and had shown also that he could initiate his own investigations, required average supervision, was considered average for those in his grade and the possibilities for his further development were very good.

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b7C [REDACTED] interviewed him during In-Service in May and June 1944 and commented he made a good personal appearance, had a good, friendly personality, appeared to have sufficient confidence in himself and to generally be aggressive.

On 8-30-44 SAC Pieper stated it was believed he might function satisfactorily on certain types of foreign assignment, under supervision.

On 1-29-45 SAC Pieper rated him as VERY GOOD and reiterated his comments of 3-31-44. In addition he advised he was a very good dictator, received a rating of excellent in moot court, could readily be used on a dangerous assignment, his ability to handle contacts of law enforcement officials and business executives was judged as a little above average, required less than average supervision and could perform investigative work of a fairly involved nature, had been utilized on a technical surveillance where he had done excellent work, was spending the majority of his time in assisting in the maintenance of the technical equipment and installations, and was being used for obtaining of information from highly confidential sources in connection with the Comrap investigation, had done some very good work in this connection, was a dependable, reliable, and competent investigator of above average ability, had not exhibited any executive, administrative, or supervisory ability but might develop these qualities with more time, was making very good progress, and the possibilities for his further development were very good.

On 3/1/45, he was reallocated to CAF-11, \$3800 per annum.

RECORD IN GRADE CAF-11, \$3800: On 3/31/45, SAC Pieper rated him VERY GOOD and said he made a very good personal appearance, had a somewhat quiet and reserved personality, but was pleasant, cheerful and energetic, got along well with others, had a very good approach, was easy in his manner, well poised, conveyed a serious, businesslike and confident impression, and demonstrated that he possessed a very good knowledge of his duties and made application of his training. He showed good judgment, was alert and self-reliant, had initiative and resourcefulness and the ability to think out his own problems, had a sufficient amount of force and aggressiveness to properly handle his assignments, demonstrated a very good attitude, was very cooperative, thoughtful and interested in his work, and there was no question as to his loyalty to the Bureau, it being noted that he volunteered for extra duty assignments. He appeared to be physically fit for the performance of his duties, had better than average ability in the use of the Bureau's camera equipment, operated on both technical and physical surveillances and did a good, workmanlike job, had utilized pretexts, could handle contacts of a relatively delicate nature, was somewhat better than average in dictation, and the quality and quantity of work he performed was in the same category, he was an excellent witness and it was believed he could be utilized on a dangerous assignment. He was capable of favorably impressing those he contacted, had the ability to organize and initiate investigations and to plan his own work, could handle



assignments of a complex nature, required somewhat less than average supervision, had been assigned to the Communist Squad and did a variety of work, had spent several months in the full-time operation of a technical surveillance, was assigned to maintenance and installation work in connection with technical surveillances of the Communist Squad and his services had been highly satisfactory. He had received the Bureau's sound training course as well as the lock course, and had prior knowledge of radio and had the ability to construct, operate and maintain radio transmitters and receivers, and he also had knowledge of other forms of communication. He was regarded as being well above average in the sound and technical field, had volunteered for several highly confidential operations involving the obtaining of information from very confidential sources and his work had contributed much of value, he had some knowledge of the German language largely based on college study, had functioned very adequately as a complaint man and participated in agents' conferences and submitted new ideas. He was a dependable, reliable and competent investigator, showed above average ability, had possibilities of developing along administrative, supervisory and executive lines, was making good progress, and his future prospects were very good.

In May, 1945, he requested a transfer to the Springfield Office due to personal reasons; however, he was advised there were no vacancies in that office and he was, accordingly, being transferred to Chicago.

On 6/27/45, he was transferred to the Chicago Office. On his transfer efficiency report, SAC Pieper rated him VERY GOOD and stated that the comments of 3/31/45 were still applicable, and that he had continued to work hard, had applied himself well, and was steadily advancing and developing in the service. On 7/1/45, his salary was increased to \$4300 per annum due to an increase in basic pay.

On 8/30/45, SAC Drayton rated him VERY GOOD and said his personality was reserved yet he had shown a proper amount of initiative and resourcefulness in his investigations, his dictation was very good to excellent, he had demonstrated his ability to testify in a clear and concise manner, his demeanor and experience, as well as his firearms scores, reflected that he was capable of handling dangerous assignments as well as physical and technical surveillances, he had been working on the Selective Service Squad and on Tele-meter and switchboard duty during the evening hours, which tasks he performed in a competent manner, and he proved to be capable of proper law enforcement cooperation. His work showed proper organization and initiative in his investigations, he received responsibility willingly and discharged the same in a resourceful and aggressive fashion and although he had not been utilized for supervisory or administrative work, if given the opportunity he would no doubt handle such an assignment in a competent fashion.

By letter dated 9/7/45, he submitted his resignation, which became effective 9/28/45, in order to return to the private practice of law. No terminal efficiency report was submitted inasmuch as his SAC advised the comments of 8/30/45 were still applicable.

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In March, 1948, one [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Illinois, transmitted to the Bureau a newspaper clipping which indicated that former Agent Velde was a candidate for Congress from the 18th District of Illinois, and among his qualifications there was listed that he had been a Special Agent of the FBI and had a Certificate of War Service. At that time, he was County Judge of Tazewell County.

On 9-17-48 SAC Poster of the Springfield Office advised the Bureau that a news story appeared in the Peoria Star, Peoria, Illinois which carried the headline "Judge Velde Flying to Washington to Tell of Atomic Secrets Spying". This news article recounted the story of the Steve Nelson-Joseph Weinberg meeting on 3-29-43; the meeting of Steve Nelson and Peter Ivanov and the meeting of Steve Nelson and Vassili Zubilin on 4-10-43. The article stated that he was called to testify at the request of Committee Chairman Thomas. An analysis of Velde's statements to the House Committee on Un-American Activities reflected that considerable portions of his testimony varied from the facts as the Bureau determined them and the news article referred to above was similarly faulty. It is to be noted, that when SAC Poster had last talked to Velde he spoke very highly of the Bureau and indicated he held it in high esteem, he said that under no circumstances had he or would he ever discuss his activities in the Bureau, not even with his wife. SAC Poster said he appeared to be sincere and he was looked upon as a good contact by the Springfield Office. SAC Poster further stated he had an excellent chance of being elected to Congress. Mr. Tolson noted, "this was a direct violation of his oath" and that Congressman Thomas said Velde voluntarily appeared to testify.

On 9-20-48 Mr. Ladd advised that [redacted] called him and stated that the Attorney General wanted to know something about the record of this former Agent and what the Bureau thought of him. Mr. Ladd advised [redacted] that the records at the Bureau showed that he left the service voluntarily and that while with the Bureau had a good record, that he was presently a Municipal Judge of some kind in Illinois and that he was presently running for Congress.

On 9-21-48 former agent Velde advised the Bureau that he would like to make an explanation in regard to the article which appeared in the Peoria newspaper and stated he was called to Washington to testify by Chairman Thomas and in order to make necessary travel arrangements he called [redacted] of the Peoria Star to assist him. [redacted] wanted a story immediately upon being advised of the trip and he prepared a story (a copy of which he inclosed) and suggested that he use this story which he promised to do. Velde further advised that he never stated to [redacted] or anyone that the FBI ever authorized wire tapping and other statements made in the article were also untrue. He went on to say that he had always been proud of his connection with the FBI and if elected to Congress, he would continue to support the FBI.

On 10-13-48 SAC Kimball advised that Velde had access to information developed through microphone, technical and physical surveillances as well as access to investigative reports contained in the COMRAP and CINRAD cases. However, a review of the technical surveillances and physical surveillance logs did not reflect that he had participated in those surveillances relating to Steve Nelson's contacts with Peter Ivanov, Vassili Zubilin or Joseph Weinberg nor did he prepare the investigative reports relating to these incidents.

By memorandum dated 10-14-48 Mr. Clegg submitted proposed statements to be made before In-Service classes and if approved, before New Agent's classes on the day they depart for the field. These statements pertained to former Agents [redacted] and Harold H. Velde and summarized the careers of these agents with the Bureau, their testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee and the effect of their testimony on the Bureau's investigations. Mr. Tolson noted, "I think ok to cover before classes without giving the names of former Agents", and the Director agreed. The Director also noted, "use cases to point out harm to a vitally important espionage case as result of [redacted] actions and disclosure by [redacted] and Velde of confidential technique gives aid and comfort to the forces of lawlessness as well as discredit to the FBI in the eyes of decent and thinking citizens".



On 12-5-48 an article appeared in the Washington Star stating that Velde would take the seat in the House vacated by Chairman Dirksen of the House District Committee, who did not seek re-election. Because Illinois was redistricted, he would represent the 18th Congressional District instead of the 16th which sent Mr. Dirksen to Congress.

On 1-24-49 an article appeared in the Washington Post stating two Republican vacancies on the House Un-American Activities Committee would be filled and while Representative Martin, minority leader of the House declined to discuss possible appointments, it was learned that the Republican leadership favored Representative Harold H. Velde of Illinois and Representative Francis Case of South Dakota for the two openings.

Memorandum dated 4-1-49 from Mr. H. B. Fletcher reflected remarks made by Velde over the Chicago Outlet of the National Broadcasting Company on 3-27-49, as a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee to the effect that that Committee would reopen some spy cases and Velde knew former Special Agents and he would have them come and testify as to their knowledge of spy activities.

In a memorandum to the Attorney General dated 3-31-49, the Director stated the Bureau had been confidentially advised by separate sources that Velde had indicated the intentions of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to reopen certain espionage and Communist matters which were investigated by the Bureau. In furtherance of the Committee's plans, Velde, reportedly with the approval of Congressman Wood of that Committee (Chairman), had already contacted and endeavored to solicit the cooperation of two former Agents. Velde, claiming that he had been designated a committee of one to conduct a preliminary investigation, stated that the Committee's action was not intended to embarrass the present administration, but the action was taken for the purpose of studying needed legislation. Velde stated that the Committee could promise anonymity to those who furnished information and that cooperation with the Committee was urged as a duty of citizenship. The above data was furnished to the Attorney General for his information.

Memorandum dated 4-5-49 from Mr. Ladd reflected he had telephonically talked to Mr. L. J. Russell of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Mr. Tolson's absence, and Mr. Ladd advised Mr. Russell that Velde had been contacting numerous former Agents in an effort to secure Un-American Activities on the Weinberg case. Mr. Russell stated that the Committee was a little perturbed at this action and wanted to the Bureau to know that the Committee had not sanctioned Velde's actions and further to assure the Bureau that the Committee would not issue any subpoenas for any former Agents.

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pointed out that Velde was assigned to the San Francisco Office as an Agent,

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and was familiar with the case in which [REDACTED] was involved. (Velde was assigned to San Francisco from 6-18-43 to 6-27-45).

On 6-21-49 Velde inserted a statement in the Congressional Record commenting on what he called "attacks" on the Director in which he said [REDACTED] President of the National Lawyers Guild, had participated. Velde said at that time that "the unmitigated gall of these attacks, if the newspaper reports be true, could only have been prompted by a fear of future revelation of related Communistic associations."

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By memorandum dated 6-16-51 Mr. Nichols advised that the United Press, through the Washington City News Service ticker on 6-14, put out a story indicating that the House Un-American Activities Committee would launch an investigation into Russian espionage. In this story, it was stated that Velde had said the Committee should bring in the Director and that Velde said his former boss underestimated the Red spy threat in World War II. The story further stated "that during World War II our Government"--which would include the Director"--failed completely to recognize the seriousness of Communist espionage here." [REDACTED] of the United Press advised Mr. Nichols that [REDACTED] of the United Press wrote that story. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was a pretty objective writer; that he had questioned him and [REDACTED] had stated that he had had many private conversations with Velde and Velde had been very critical of the FBI. That Velde had given him a new statement, the substance of which was as follows: "Wherever the fault lies, our Government failed to meet the threat. I am satisfied the intelligence agencies were not at fault although I don't wish to hold the FBI blameless. I have said many times that perhaps Mr. Hoover could have used his influence to better advantage." Mr. Nichols saw Velde who said that [REDACTED] had misrepresented the facts, that [REDACTED] covered his Committee, that he had known [REDACTED] and talked to him on numerous occasions, but that he had not confided in [REDACTED] Velde said he had observed the United Press coverage of the Committee was by far the most left-wing of all the wire services. Velde told Mr. Nichols to be sure and tell the Director he was sorry this incident had occurred, and that if the Director felt it should be done he would demand the United Press print a correction. A check was made of the Bureau's files and there was no identifiable information pertaining to [REDACTED]

By memorandum dated 9-22-51 Mr. Clegg advised that Velde had informed [REDACTED] he would like to go to Quantico some Saturday to do some shooting. [REDACTED] was advised of the Bureau's approval on 9-25-51.

Memorandum dated 3-12-52 reflected that on 3-11-52, the House of Representatives debated and passed S. 2077, which transferred responsibility for personnel-type investigations from the FBI to the Civil Service Commission. The Congressional Record for that date reflected that Velde was very active in the debate opposing the passage of this bill. In his remarks, he pointed out that he was a former Agent and felt he was qualified

to talk on the subject. He stated that when he was an Agent none of the Agents particularly cared to make this type of investigation and he wondered whether this was the reason for the Director's desire to be relieved of the responsibility for these investigations. Velde stated he felt the FBI was more qualified than any other agency in the Government to handle these investigations. Velde further stated he would prefer that any increase in the investigative staff in the Government be in the FBI "whom we all trust and admire and respect." By letter dated 3-12-52 the Bureau thanked him for his commendatory remarks, and pointed out to him the real reasons why the Bureau approved this legislation.

In a letter to the Director dated 11-12-52, he thanked the Director for his congratulatory message upon his reelection, and said that as Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee he would continue doing all in his power and authority to cooperate with the Director and his men. He was slated to become Chairman in January, 1953.

On 12-2-52 the Chicago Daily Tribune carried an article which reflected that Velde had asked Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman, who presided at the trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, to stay the execution of the convicted soviet atom spies. Velde said he had urged the stay in the belief that the Rosenberg's could be induced to give the Government information on Russian espionage in this country.

On 1-19-53 he was appointed Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives. In 1954 information was received that he obtained one of our espionage reports from the files of OSI.

On 7-15-57, his service record was furnished to the Director, National Conference of Bar Examiners, Denver, Colorado, in connection with his application for admission to the bar of the District of Columbia.

On 3-10-60, his service record was prepared for transmittal to the Department of Agriculture.

By letter dated 12-28-62, the Director declined an invitation from Velde to speak at the Sangamon County Historical Society Banquet in Springfield, Illinois, on 2-12-63.

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b7c On 4-23-69, [REDACTED] General Services Administration, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically requested dates of service, salary and position. He did not request information regarding quality of his work. This information was furnished to him.

On 5-15-69, his official personnel folder and service record was furnished to General Services Administration, Chicago, Illinois.



**HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE**

**Photograph removed from application dated  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON  
 FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

DATE: December 2, 1950

SUBJECT:

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①  
 Congressman Harold Velde of Illinois called. He had [redacted] of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion of Illinois with him. I explained we could not take him on a tour today.

He asked if the Director would be at Harvey's as he is taking [redacted] to dinner there tonight and would like to have [redacted] meet the Director.

I told him I did not know but would advise the Director so if he did run into the Director the Director would know of [redacted] background.

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Honorable Harold H. Velde  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

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Assistant Director Louis B. Nichols  
has advised me of your call on December 2,  
1950.

I regret that it was not possible for  
me to meet with you and [redacted] of the  
Illinois Americanism Commission of the American  
Legion. I hope that an opportunity for such  
a meeting will occur in the near future.

With expressions of my highest esteem  
and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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December 1, 1950

Honorable Harold H. Velde  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Congressman:

I want to take this opportunity to express personally my sincere appreciation for your remarks concerning the FBI in the House of Representatives yesterday. Your statements will help to clarify many of the distortions, misrepresentations, and half-truths which are contained in Max Lowenthal's book.

All of us are grateful for your clear, direct and succinct expressions of confidence in our organization.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Congressman Velde's remarks appear on page 7789 of the Congressional Record and he points out that his representations appearing in Lowenthal's book concern his remarks in a speech on the floor of the House in May, 1950.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date December 2, 1950 Time 10:10AM

Congressman Harold H. Velde,  
(R) of Illinois tele thru  
Sec.

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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When advised of the Director's absence from the office, the secretary asked if Mr. Nichols was in his office.

After checking, she was advised that Mr. Nichols was also out of the office. The secretary requested that Mr. Nichols return the Congressman's call upon his return. She was advised that Mr. Nichols would be informed of her call.

Mr. Nichols' office has been advised.

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December 3, 1950

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American Commission  
The American Legion  
Department of Illinois  
Springfield, Illinois

Dear [Redacted] b7C, b6

Assistant Director Louis E. Nichols has  
advised me of Congressman Gerald R. Ford's call  
on December 2, 1950.

I regret that it was not possible for me  
to meet with you here in Washington, and  
hope that sometime in the future I will have the  
opportunity of meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: The following have been checked with negative  
results for a specific address at [Redacted] during  
all mailing lists in Crime Records, Bureau Library, and  
telephone directories of Chicago, Springfield, and  
Springfield, Illinois. Above address believed to be  
best available. Files reflect that The American Legion  
State Headquarters, Department of Illinois, is located at  
Springfield, Illinois.  
[Redacted] 12-5-50

Approved: [Signature]

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W. VELDE  
DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

HOME ADDRESS:  
PEKIN, ILLINOIS

PEORIA ADDRESS:  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.  
PEORIA 2, ILLINOIS

# Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.  
November 27, 1950

COMMITTEES:  
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ROBERT H. MICHEL  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
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William Sloane Associates  
119 West 57th Street  
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your book, "The Federal Bureau of Investigation," written by Max Lowenthal. I do not care to have my library contain a copy of such trash which is typical of that which can be read at anytime in The Daily Worker and other Communist Party publications.

As a former F.B.I. agent, I have the greatest respect for the character and integrity of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and all the F.B.I. personnel, and feel confident this fine organization is capable of protecting our country against spies, saboteurs and subversives. On the contrary, the author of this book has had so many dealings with notorious characters in government that I doubt his capability to criticize the efforts the F.B.I. has made.

I do, however, appreciate your sending me the book, but would suggest that this returned copy be autographed and forwarded to Moscow where I am sure it will be appreciated.

I want to assure you in closing that I do not intend any reflection upon the character or loyalty of the publishers of the book in any way.

Very truly yours,

Harold H. Velde  
Harold H. Velde, M.D.  
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J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation



November 30, 1950

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Honorable Harold E. Veldt  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have read with great interest the copy of your letter dated November 27, 1950, directed to William C. Higgins Associates, 110 West 57th Street, New York, New York, and I want to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation for the expressions of confidence concerning this Bureau contained in your communication.

So of the FBI deeply appreciates the effective manner in which you have presented your comments, and I am sure that your action in forwarding the same will give the publishers the food for thought.

With expressions of my kindest regards and best wishes,

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TO : MR. TOLSON  
FROM : L. B. NICHOLS  
SUBJECT:

DATE: January 3, 1951

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*b7C* Congressman Harold Velde called. He was wondering if we could arrange for a special tour this morning for [redacted] of Peoria, Illinois, his campaign manager, [redacted] the County Chairman, [redacted] the County Chairman of Sheffield County.

Velde asked if Mr. Hoover were in as he would appreciate very much if Mr. Hoover would shake hands with them. I told Velde that I did not know whether the Director would be in but if he were he would be glad to do this.

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*b6* [redacted] will meet the group in the Director's reception room at 10:30. *14-*

CC: [redacted]

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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: January 4, 1951

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: Special Tour - [REDACTED]

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 As instructed, SA [REDACTED] met [REDACTED] and her party at the Directors Reception Room at 10:30 a.m. on 1/3/51. They were seen by the Director, after which the group commented upon their pleasure in meeting him.

Since [REDACTED] expressed a desire to return for the Capitol at 11:30 a.m. (to be on hand for the swearing in of the Congress), the visitors were shown through only the Laboratory and Firearms Range (the latter place was visited at [REDACTED] particular request).

The visitors expressed regret <sup>at</sup> the necessity for paying a short visit and [REDACTED] said the FBI was the one place they all wanted to visit while here. They were invited to come to the Bureau again should they re-visit Washington.

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LD H. VELDE  
DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

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PEORIA 2, ILLINOIS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.  
January 10, 1951

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Mr. Louis Nichols  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Louis:

Just a note to thank you and Mr. Hoover for the very gracious way you treated my guests and constituents during their recent visit to your office. All, including [REDACTED] were most appreciative for the many courtesies extended to them.

Let me assure you of the continued cooperation of my office during the 82nd Congress. Any time I, or my staff, can be of service, feel free to call upon us.

I want you to know, too, that I greatly enjoyed the book review by [REDACTED]. I am enclosing a clipping from the January 8 Congressional Record, as I had this inserted therein, advising several of my congressional colleagues to examine it carefully.

My best wishes to all of you for a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

*Harold H. Velde*  
Harold H. Velde, M.C.

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collections were \$8,942,434, a million dollars and 12.6 percent above 1949.

Life insurance sales—a good sign that Iowans have money to save—were running 8 percent above the 1949 volume, which totaled \$443,000,000. At best guess, 1950 sales were expected to top the 1947 record of \$463,000,000. Life insurance sales in Iowa have been steadily increasing the last 35 years from a volume of \$76,722,000 in 1914. Iowans now have \$3,250,000,000 worth of life insurance in force.

In the first 10 months of 1950, Iowans spent more than twice as much on new houses—112 percent more than the 1949 10-month total. New industrial building added up to 33 percent more than 1949, in the same 10 months. All construction was 27 percent ahead of 1949, and was holding a lead over 1948, in which building activities set a record in Iowa.

Iowa had an undisputed lead in the annual farm-income race, as 1950 drew to a close. After finishing second in 1948 and a close third in 1949, Iowa farmers took an early lead in 1950 and maintained it through third-quarter reports. Iowa topped the billion-dollar mark in farm income at the end of 7 months. At the end of September, Iowa farm pocketbooks held \$1,413,758. This was slightly below total income for the first 9 months of 1949, but economists expect better farm prices in the last quarter to push the 1950 total ahead of 1949. If Iowa's 1950 farm income is more than two billion, as anticipated, it will be the fourth straight year in that bracket.

**IOWA IN THE 1950 HEADLINES—A BRIEF REVIEW OF FOOTPRINTS ON THE ECONOMIC SANDS**

Iowa stepped into second place in farm machinery manufacture: Iowa factories turned out more than a quarter million dollars worth of farm equipment.

Best customers in United States grow on Iowa farms: In 72 of Iowa's 99 counties farm families spend \$12,000,000 or more a year. That is the heaviest concentration of top-spending counties in any one State.

Iowa dominates export of hybrid corn: More than 400,000 bushels of seed corn from Iowa exporters was planted in Europe this year. Seedsmen said that is easily nine-tenths of the total export.

Iowa's not the range, but it's the cattle country: Iowans found they feed and sell more cattle than any other State and realize more income from beef.

Iowa a "white" State in unemployment map: Iowa's unemployment average dropped to 2 percent and less, while the national average was running 5 to 7 percent of all those employed. Iowa's variety of employment deserves the credit.

Farm income averages from \$4.50 to \$5 a month per acre: Iowa's total cash farm income, divided by number of acres under cultivation, revealed acre earnings of from \$54 to \$60 per year.

Iowa industries pay \$5,000,000 a year in taxes: Iowa cities and towns have \$5,000,000 more tax money each year from the \$200,000,000 capital investment made by Iowa's 350 new postwar industries.

Iowa's highways on pay-as-you-go financing: Last of Iowa's primary road bonds were retired November 1. Iowa now is operating on a \$60,000,000 a year road fund out of current tax income.

Iowa manufacturing grew 50 percent in 10 years: Iowa factories are employing more than 148,000 Iowans; 160 percent as many as in 1939 and 152 percent as many as in 1940. About one-fourth of all workers outside agriculture are now in industry.

Iowa leads the meat-packing field: Iowa packers handled 11.7 percent of all meat animals slaughtered in the United States through October of 1950.

**Prejudiced Smear**

**EXTENSION OF REMARKS  
OF**

**HON. HAROLD H. VELDE**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 8, 1951

Mr. VELDE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the Record a review of Max Lowenthal's book, *The Federal Bureau of Investigation*, written by N. J. L. Pieper, entitled "Prejudiced Smear," and appearing in the December 23, 1950, issue of the *Saturday Review of Literature*.

Mr. Pieper was head of the San Francisco field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during World War II when I worked out of that office in the Counter-Espionage Division. He was my boss then and I still hold him in highest respect for his past accomplishments and for the work he is carrying on this very day. I know that you will enjoy reading Mr. Pieper's review as he expresses very well the feelings of those who really know what the Federal Bureau of Investigation stands for. The review follows:

**PREJUDICED SMEAR**

(By N. J. L. Pieper)

Biased, slanted, and patently prejudiced, Max Lowenthal's book is a base smear. It is the antithesis of an objective picture of the FBI by an author conservative in the most profound sense as heralded by his publishers.

Belaboring the FBI for imaginary violations of civil liberties for its alleged failure to protect the American people from spies, saboteurs, and criminals Lowenthal would have his readers believe the FBI and its director, J. Edgar Hoover, guilty of dire acts, either by omission or commission. In his treatment of the FBI the author employs the technique of selecting quotes from public sources which best suit his own purpose but ignore the real record of the FBI and its accomplishments—accomplishments so sound and extensive that even the most prejudiced FBI-hater would admit them to be above question or reproach.

Lowenthal devotes two-thirds of his book to the Department of Justice's Investigative Unit from 1908 through 1924. This is all before Mr. Hoover became director. Yet Lowenthal implies that the activities of these years were chargeable to Mr. Hoover and G-men of present-day stature.

Lowenthal's misuse of numerous quotations from a great variety of sources—speeches, congressional committee hearings, and news clips—would have one believe that here is a factual picture of the FBI. Lowenthal must know that his tricky placement of material out of context, omissions of qualifying sentences or statements, even his padded reference pages, have had to be so presented to get over an implication where truth would not sustain his insinuations and accusations.

To answer the distortions of fact, half truths, false representations and inaccuracies in the book would require a new book. Let us, however, consider briefly the following examples.

Lowenthal dwells at great length on the Palmer raids, attempting to create the false impression that Mr. Hoover was responsible. A Senate Judiciary Committee absolved Mr. Hoover of any responsibility. Attorney General Harlan Stone, later Chief Justice,

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EX-53 Honorable Harold H. Velde  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Congressman:

Mr. Nichols referred to my attention  
your letter of January 10, 1951. You may rest  
assured that it was a pleasure to meet your  
friends on the occasion of their recent visit  
to the Bureau.

Unfortunately, I was not in when the  
latest party called on Wednesday, otherwise I  
would certainly have been glad to see them.

With expressions of my highest esteem  
and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable Harold H. Velie  
Wash. Clinic  
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Congressman:

I have just learned of your operation and I do hope you are making good progress and that you will not be confined for an undue period. I am sure you realize, of course, that there are times when your doctor's advice is the best advice to follow.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable Harold H. Velde  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have just learned of your thoughtfulness in extending your remarks on January 8, 1951, to include in the Congressional Record [REDACTED] review of the Lowenthal book.

All of us in the FBI appreciate the action you have taken in making this effective review a matter of public record. I know [REDACTED] will be gratified by what you have done.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

February 3, 1951

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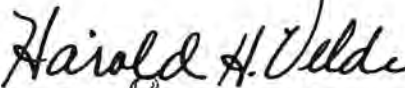
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter contributed much, I am sure, to my early and successful recovery from a rather serious operation.

It certainly is reassuring to know that I have such good friends like you who are interested in my well being.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harold H. Velde, M. C.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

November 27, 1950

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██████████ advised me this  
① afternoon that Congressman Harold  
Velde, who you will recall is a  
former Agent, received from the  
publishers a copy of Lowenthal's  
book. ██████████ states it appears that  
all members of the HCUA did  
receive a copy of this book. ██████████  
suggested to Velde that he might return it  
to the publishers and advise them he has  
read it and that he has also read the Daily  
Worker and, accordingly, is not interested  
in the book. Velde indicated to ██████████ that he  
was going to do this.

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UN-AMERICAN)

A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PREDICTED THAT THE COMMITTEE IN JULY WILL LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION OF PAST AND PRESENT SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN THE U. S.

REP. HAROLD H. VELDE, R., ILL., SAID THE SPY HUNT WILL BE TOUCHED OFF BY THE TESTIMONY OF MAJ. GEN. CHARLES A. WILLOUGHBY, GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, ON A PRE-WAR SOVIET SPY RING IN JAPAN.

VELDE SAID THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BRING IN FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER TO DESCRIBE RUSSIAN ESPIONAGE IN THIS COUNTRY.

VELDE, A FORMER FBI AGENT HIMSELF, SAID HIS FORMER BOSS UNDERESTIMATED THE RED SPY THREAT IN WORLD WAR II.

"I FEEL VERY DEFINITELY," HE SAID, "THAT DURING WORLD WAR II OUR GOVERNMENT--WHICH WOULD INCLUDE HOOVER--FAILED COMPLETELY TO RECOGNIZE THE SERIOUSNESS OF COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE HERE."

HE PREDICTED THAT WILLOUGHBY'S TESTIMONY, AND TWO FOOTLOCKER'S FULL OF THE GENERAL'S DOCUMENTS NOW IN COMMITTEE HANDS, "WILL YIELD A GOOD NUMBER OF NAMES OF AMERICAN COMMUNISTS AND SYMPATHIZERS WHO HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN CLOSE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT."

SOME OF THEM ARE NOW IN THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID, AND ALL ARE OR HAVE BEEN HELPING THE SOVIET IN SPREADING PROPAGANDA AND ASSISTING SOVIET AGENTS HERE."

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REP. HAROLD H. VELDE, R., ILL., CHARGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SADLY UNDERESTIMATED SOVIET SPY RINGS IN AMERICA DURING WORLD WAR II. VELDE, AN FBI COUNTER-ESPIONAGE AGENT FROM 1943 TO 1946, SUGGESTED THAT THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CALL FBI DIRECTOR HOOVER TO DESCRIBE RUSSIAN SPY OPERATIONS IN THE U.S.

VELDE, A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, SAID HE WANTED TO ASK HOOVER AND HEADS OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES "IF WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN MEETING THE SOVIET ESPIONAGE PROBLEM IN AMERICA."

VELDE SAID HOOVER SHOULD BE SUMMONED TO SUPPLEMENT THE TESTIMONY OF MAJ. GEN. CHARLES A. WILLOUGHBY, GEN. MACARTHUR'S FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF. WILLOUGHBY WILL TESTIFY ON THE CASE OF [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] RED SPY WHO WORMED HIS WAY INTO THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN TOKYO AND HEADED A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PREWAR SPY RING IN JAPAN. b6

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Clyde Tolson

Expert Rep. Velde Raps U. S. Failure

# Ex-FBI Agent Urges Hill Probe of Red Spying Here

By United Press

A member of the House Un-American Activities Committee today urged an exhaustive investigation of past and present Soviet espionage in the United States.

Rep. Harold H. Velde (R., Ill.) charged the Government had "failed completely to recognize the seriousness of Communist espionage" during World War II.

Rep. Velde, an FBI counter-espionage agent during World War II, suggested that the committee call upon FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover and heads of military intelligence agencies to testify.

The committee already plans to hear Maj. Gen. Charles A. Willoughby, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's former Intelligence chief, on the case of a highly successful prewar Red spy ring in Japan. Rep. Velde predicted Gen. Willoughby's story will yield "a good number of names of American Communists and sympathizers" who have been helping Soviet agents in the United States.

Other congressional developments:

## Defense Loans

A House Executive Expenditure sub-committee called upon National Production Administrator Marley Fleischmann to explain his agency's policy on granting defense loans and tax benefits. It was learned that Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson was working on an order that will shift the huge defense loan program to the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

## Tax Bill Ready

The House Ways and Means Committee planned to wind up over four months of work today by giving its final approval to a \$1,233,000,000 tax increase bill. House leaders plan to call the measure up for debate on the floor next week.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

4:30pm July 3, 1951

Tour Leader [redacted] returned to the Reception Room with [redacted] Congressman Harold Velde, R-Ill. at the completion of their tour and requested to meet the Director.

Mr. Hoover's absence was explained and they are waiting in the Reception Room in the hopes the Director will return and be able to see them.

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Alden ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Laughlin ✓  
Mr. Jones ✓  
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4:50PM [redacted] departed from the office. Regrets were expressed in behalf of the Director's absence.

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I saw them they were  
very concerned about  
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Honorable Harold E. Velde  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

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I wanted to send you this note to tell  
you how sorry I am that I missed seeing [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] when they called  
at my office on July 3, 1951. I do hope that they  
had an enjoyable tour of our facilities, and that  
they will feel free to visit our Headquarters when-  
ever they are in Washington in the future.

With expressions of my highest esteem and  
best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓  
 FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: July 3, 1951

SUBJECT:

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*b7C* Congressman Harold H. Velde called [redacted] who is assigned to the [redacted] is in town with [redacted]. He would like to have him come to the Bureau for a tour at 2:30.

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 I told the Congressman we would be glad to take him on a special tour.

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*b7C* The Congressman wondered if the Director was in if it would be possible for [redacted] to meet him. I told him I did not know whether the Director would be in his office this afternoon but I felt certain if he was free and available he would be glad to shake hands with him. They will be taken on a special tour by a tour leader.

cc: [redacted]  
 Tour Room

LBN:CMC

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS

DATE: July 2, 1951

FROM : M. A. JONES

SUBJECT: CALL FROM CONGRESSMAN VELDE'S OFFICE

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In your absence at 1:05 P.M., July 2, 1951. Special Agent [redacted] of this Section took a call from a [redacted] of Congressman Harold H. Velde, Republican from Illinois.

[redacted] said they had a printer out in the Congressman's district who had handled many projects for the Congressman, particularly those informing the public concerning the problem of Communism.

[redacted] said the printer wanted to make up a booklet on sabotage which would inform the public on "How to Recognize a Saboteur" and what to do. He wanted to know if we had any non-confidential material which would be of help in this regard.

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Agent [redacted] advised [redacted] that most of the material which we had on the subject of sabotage was restricted in nature in that it dealt with the problem from a technical point of view. Agent [redacted] told [redacted] that we, of course, were interested in having the public inform us of any acts of sabotage or possible acts of sabotage. He was advised that along that line the Director had issued a statement at the time of President Truman's Directive in July of 1950 and that we would be glad to send him a copy.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached statement by the Director along with the Presidential Directive and the poster which we made available to various plants be sent to [redacted] by special messenger.

Attachment

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HAROLD H. VELDE  
18TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

HOME ADDRESS:  
PEKIN, ILLINOIS

PEORIA ADDRESS:  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.  
PEORIA 2, ILLINOIS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

October 1, 1951

COMMITTEES:  
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ROBERT H. MICHEL  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Alden	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Laughlin	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I had the pleasure of returning to the F.B.I. Training School at Quantico in the company of one of our mutual friends, S.A. [redacted] this past Saturday. I was very pleased to observe that the fine traditions of the F.B.I. were being maintained and was especially pleased to meet with S.A. Henry Sloan who has been a faithful agent and an incomparable firearms instructor for a long long time.

Your S.A.C., Richard Newby, certainly has the confidence and respect of all the new agents, as well as those who are returning for training. I also was very pleased to meet with S.A. [redacted] of your Milwaukee office and S.A. [redacted] and S.A. [redacted] who were buddies of mine in the San Francisco office back in '44 and '45.

I had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and hope I will have an opportunity to repeat the trip some time soon.

With my warmest personal regards, I am,

Most cordially yours,

Harold H. Velde, M. C.

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October 4, 1951

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Honorable Harold E. Velton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressmen:

I was very happy to receive your letter of October 1, 1964, and I am glad that you enjoyed your trip to Quantico. My associates there will be deeply gratified, I am sure, to learn of your kind remarks concerning them and the manner in which the Academy is being maintained.

Whenever in the future you wish to again make the visit, please let me know and I will be very glad to make the necessary arrangements.

With expressions of my highest esteem and  
best regards,

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SAE Richard L. Jolly, assigned to Quantico, EOD 12-2-40,

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## REPLY

NOTE Continued:

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SA [REDACTED] assigned to Milwaukee Office,  
EOD 4-18-43 and resigned 11-16-45; he was reinstated 4-15-46,  
GS 12, \$6800.

SA [REDACTED], assigned to San Francisco  
Division, EOD 3-22-43, GS 12, \$6800. (There is no [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] or individual with name similar to it listed in  
Bureau records.)

SA [REDACTED] assigned to Cleveland Office, EOD  
6-30-41, GS 12, \$7200.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 7, 1951

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: HAROLD H. VALLI  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

There is enclosed herewith an article from the "Chicago Daily Tribune" dated September 6, 1951 and an article from the "Chicago Daily Sun-Times" dated September 6, 1951, setting forth information regarding the activities of an individual, a former Bureau agent, who is a leading minority member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

It will be noted from the articles that VALLI was interviewed on television regarding contemplated testimony by the House Committee regarding Communism at the University of Chicago and Communist in unions.

The article in the "Chicago Daily Tribune" indicates that VALLI disclosed that the FBI had conducted an intensive inquiry into Communist activities at the University of Chicago. A review of the article from the "Chicago Daily Sun-Times", however, fails to reflect VALLI made such a statement.

It is felt that the only positive way to determine exactly what remarks were made by VALLI would be to obtain a copy of the recording of the program if such was made. No attempts will be made by this office to obtain such a recording unless specifically requested by the Bureau.

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## Velde Soft-Pedals U. of C. Probe

Rep. Velde (R-Ill.) made a televised explanation Wednesday night of why the House Un-American Activities Committee is turning its investigative eye on Chicago.

The former FBI agent was interviewed by four newspapermen on "Press Conference." He said, despite contrary reports, that the committee's prime target here was not communism at the University of Chicago, but subversive activities at Chicago area defense plants.

Velde said the committee principally was interested in the workings of the United Electrical, Radio and

Machine Workers of America and the United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers, who were put out of the CIO because of their left-wing activities.

But under the sharp questioning of his interviewers, Velde admitted the committee undoubtedly would also examine any evidence of communism it could find at the University of Chicago.

"But what can you find out at the university that the FBI doesn't know?" he was asked after it was pointed out that taxpayers' money already had been spent in similar investigations.

Velde was frank.

"Not very much," he said.

He added, however, that as much as research there helped develop the atomic bomb, the committee would like to know if Soviet espionage agents gleaned any knowledge of that weapon from persons on the Midway.

Velde observed that he hoped the university's new chancellor, Lawrence A. Kimpton, and the trustees would cooperate with the committee.

"They indicated by letter they would," he said, "but press reports indicate otherwise."

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## TELLS OF FBI PROBE OF REDS IN U. OF CHICAGO

Harold H. Velde, ranking minority member of the house committee on un-American activities, disclosed here last night that the federal bureau of investigation has conducted an intensive inquiry into communistic activities at the University of Chicago. He spoke over WGN-TV on the "Press Conference" program.

He said it is unlikely that the committee in its continuing Chicago investigation will turn up much that the FBI does not already know, but he pointed out that the FBI is not permitted to disclose its findings, whereas the committee feels that the public should be made aware of communist dangers.

Velde, a former FBI agent, said the principal target of the committee's inquiry here is communism in unions, particularly the United Electrical Workers, and the Farm Equipment Workers, both of which have been ousted from the CIO because of communist domination.

Asked if the inquiry might not tend to drive Communists underground, he said "The real communist party has been underground ever since we recognized Russia in 1933. Nothing we can do will drive them shore ground."

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Part II

Office Memorandum • UNITED

GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓  
 FROM : L. B. Nichols  
 SUBJECT:

DATE: January 21, 1952

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SAC Hosteny at Springfield called [redacted] at 5:20 p.m. today and advised that tomorrow, January 22, there will be held in the city of Peoria, Illinois an election in which the only question to be decided is whether Peoria will adopt the Council-Manager Plan.

[redacted] Junior Chamber of Commerce in Peoria, has called Hosteny and advised that he had received calls from three anonymous individuals who stated that they had received anonymous calls to the effect that Congressman Harold Helms, formerly of the Bureau, had this morning brought into Peoria 30 FBI Agents for the purported purpose of checking unAmerican activities in Peoria but that their actual purpose was to check on the backgrounds of individuals who have indicated that they were in favor of the Council-Manager Plan; that these Agents had deputized attorneys in Peoria for the purpose of acting at the election to repel any trouble.

[redacted] stated that he fully realized these stories were untrue but he did want to bring them to the attention of Mr. Hosteny.

Mr. Hosteny advised that the Junior Chamber of Commerce is backing the Council-Manager Plan.

Hosteny was instructed by [redacted] in the event he received inquiries regarding this matter that he should positively and vigorously make a formal denial of any such activity on the part of the Bureau. He was also requested to keep the Bureau informed of any important developments along these lines.

It appears that the above is merely a political maneuver possibly on the part of those opposed to the plan and of course it is believed that Hosteny should brand any such statements as being false and untrue.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
 cc: Mr. Jones

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *mcq*  
 FROM : M. A. Jones  
 SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN HAROLD H. VELDE

DATE: March 12, 1952

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On March 11, 1952, the House of Representatives debated and passed S. 2077, which transfers responsibility for personnel-type investigations from the FBI to the Civil Service Commission.

The Congressional Record for that date reflects that Congressman Harold H. Velde (Illinois) was very active in the debate opposing the passage of this bill. In his remarks, he pointed out that he was a former FBI Agent and felt he was qualified to talk upon the subject. He stated that when he was an FBI Agent none of the Agents particularly cared to make this type of investigation and he wondered whether this was the reason for the Director's desire to be relieved of the responsibility for these investigations. Mr. Velde stated that he felt the FBI was more qualified than any other agency in the Government to handle these investigations and that he also felt it was more important that a thorough investigation be made of an individual before he became employed by the Government rather than making such an investigation necessary after he had secured employment. Congressman Velde stated that the transfer of these cases to the Civil Service Commission would increase the general investigative staff of the Federal Government, because of the necessity for additional employees in the Civil Service Commission and pointed out that he would prefer that any increase in the investigative staff in the Government be in the FBI "whom we all trust and admire and respect." The general tenor of Mr. Velde's remarks was to the effect that he had more confidence in the FBI than in any other investigative agency and for that reason desired that the bill be defeated. With the exception of his statement as to what he thought might be the reason for the Bureau's desire to be relieved of these investigations, his remarks were most complimentary of the Director and of the FBI.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the remarks of Congressman Velde, it is recommended that the attached letter be sent to him thanking him for his commendatory remarks and pointing out to him the real reasons why the Bureau approves this legislation.

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March 12, 1952

Honorable Harold H. Velde  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Congressman:

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Please accept my personal thanks for the confidence which you expressed in the FBI and my administration of its responsibilities during the debate on S. 2077 in the House of Representatives on March 11, 1952. All of us in the FBI sincerely trust that we will continue to merit your approbation.

I thought you might like to know that my approval of this legislation was based upon the firm belief that the FBI could handle the increasing number of internal security investigations brought about by the growing international tension in an efficient and capable manner only if we were relieved of the burden placed upon us by these applicant-type investigations.

Another consideration which compelled me to urge the Attorney General to seek this legislation is the possibility that should the present emergency become more acute or should the underground organization of the Communist Party embark upon an active program of sabotage, all of our energies would of necessity have to be directed to meet this threat. As a practical consideration, it is for the over-all best interests of the country for the FBI to have the necessary manpower engaged in conducting those investigations which would repel these threats rather than making investigations which can be handled satisfactorily by an already existing agency.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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HAROLD H. VELDE  
15TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

HOME ADDRESS:  
PEKIN, ILLINOIS

PEORIA ADDRESS:  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.  
PEORIA 2, ILLINOIS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

March 19, 1952

COMMITTEES:  
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ROBERT H. MICHEL  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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| Miss Gandy   |   |

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Friend:

I really appreciate your letter of March 12, especially so in view of the fact that I opposed the legislation that you recommended.

I assure you, of course, that there was nothing personal in my opposition; as a matter of fact, I was very much pleased to know that the Members of Congress who avored the legislation did so primarily because they felt that your recommendation was sufficient.

Please be assured of my continued cooperation.

With my kindest personal regards, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

*Harold H. Velde*  
Harold H. Velde, M. C.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson  
 FROM : L. B. Nichols  
 SUBJECT:

DATE: June 3, 1952

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Congressman Harold Velde called. [redacted] his mother, and family would like to call at the Bureau at 2:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 4th, for a special tour. The Congressman inquired whether the Director would shake hands [redacted] and mother if he were in. I told him I was certain the Director would be glad to do this if he was in and available.

b6, b7C [redacted] from Crime Records Section will meet them in the Director's Office and take on a tour. Tour Room advised.

cc: [redacted] b7C, b6  
 Mr. Jones

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols ✓  
 FROM : M. E. Jones ✓  
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
 SPECIAL TOUR

DATE: June 6, 1952

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 At 2:15 p.m., 6/6/52, on reference from Congressman Harold H. Velde (R - Ill.) [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED] were conducted on a special tour of the Bureau of Crime Records. [REDACTED] commented he is a [REDACTED] of Mr. Velde and is also acquainted with Senator Everett Dirksen of Peekin, Illinois.

The tour covered the various exhibits, the FBI Laboratory, and the range where a demonstration was given them by SA [REDACTED]

The [REDACTED] were particularly attentive and interested and expressed their appreciation of the courtesy.

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PERSONAL

Honorable Harold H. Velde  
Member of Congress  
Pekin, Illinois

My dear Congressman:

I want to take this opportunity to drop  
you this personal note to congratulate you on  
your re-election to Congress.

As you know, all of us in the FBI  
appreciate the support you have given us in con-  
nection with matters of mutual interest, and I  
want you to be assured that if there is any-  
thing we can do to be of assistance during the  
forthcoming Session, you should not fail to let  
me know.

With expressions of my highest esteem  
and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Congressman Velde is a former Special Agent  
of the Bureau. He EOD 11-16-42 and resigned 9-28-45  
in grade CAF-11, \$4300. Our relations with Velde  
has been satisfactory and on March 12, 1952, the  
Director sent him a personal note of thanks for the  
confidence Velde expressed in the FBI in connection  
with Senate bill 2077, in the House of Representatives.  
This debate was in connection with the transfer of  
applicant-type investigations to another agency.  
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HAROLD H. VELDE  
18TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

HOME ADDRESS:  
PEKIN, ILLINOIS

PEORIA ADDRESS:  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.  
PEORIA 2, ILLINOIS

# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

November 12, 1952

COMMITTEES:  
EDUCATION AND LABOR  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

ROBERT H. MICHEL  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Laughlin ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Winterrowd ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Mr. Holloman ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thanks kindly for your congratulatory message.

I have always been proud to mention the fact that I was formerly an FBI agent because it has meant to me, at least, that the people have placed a great deal of confidence and faith in me because of that connection alone.

As Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee, may I assure you, too, that I will continue doing all in my power and authority to cooperate with you and your men in the vital work of keeping our nation safe from subversive influences.

I do hope that we will be able to get together for a personal chat in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

*Harold H. Velde*

Harold H. Velde, M. C.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *RH*  
 FROM : I. W. Conrad *IC*  
 SUBJECT: SECURITY CHECK OF HOME TELEPHONE  
 LINE OF CONGRESSMAN HAROLD H. VELDE

DATE: December 22, 1952

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*b7c* On 12-22-52 SA [redacted] and [redacted] checked the home telephone line of Congressman Harold H. Velde, from Pekin, Illinois. In Washington Velde resides at 3424 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. The unpublished telephone is KING 8-6668.

No evidence of tampering was found on the line. One of the two screws holding the base of the instrument had become loose and permitted the base to drop away from the top case approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. The screw was replaced and the instrument restored to normal.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *✓*

DATE: December 20, 1952

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

*HAROLD VELDE*

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| Glavin     | ✓ |
| Harbo      | ✓ |
| Rosen      | ✓ |
| Tracy      | ✓ |
| Laughlin   | ✓ |
| Mohr       | ✓ |
| Winterrowd | ✓ |
| Tele. Rm.  | ✓ |
| Holloman   | ✓ |
| Gandy      | ✓ |

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Former Special Agent [REDACTED] now employed with the House Committee on Un-American Activities, called me on December 18, 1952, to advise that Congressman Velde that morning when he picked up his telephone, had the bottom drop out of the telephone. Velde is certain his phone has been tampered with. He asked [REDACTED] to contact us to see if we could have somebody look at the phone, that he wanted this handled very confidentially. I told [REDACTED] I would check and see if anyone was available.

After clearing the matter with the Director, I advised [REDACTED] on December 19 that we would check the phone on one condition, namely, there be no publicity. He stated he could agree to this.

I then arranged through Mr. Harbo for [REDACTED] Laboratory technician, to contact former Special Agent [REDACTED] on Monday morning, in order to go out to the apartment and look at the phone.

cc: Mr. Harbo *✓*

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Director advised - Matter ascertained  
a screw fell out

LBN

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols  
 FROM : M. Jones  
 SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN HAROLD H. VELDE

DATE: February 2, 1953

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SYNOPSIS:

Representative Harold H. Velde (R-Illinois), Chairman of the HCUA, appeared as a guest on "The Kate Smith Hour" (NBC-TV) at 4:30 P.M., January 30, 1953. This program was monitored by the Crime Records Section.

PURPOSE:

To set out the results of this monitoring.

DETAILS:

At 4:30 P.M., January 30, 1953, Representative Harold H. Velde (R-Illinois) was interviewed by Ted Collins on "The Cracker Barrel" portion of "The Kate Smith Hour" (NBC-TV). During the interview, Congressman Velde explained the plans of the House Committee on Un-American Activities of which he is chairman. No mention was made of the FBI or of the fact that Velde is a former Special Agent.

The following items of interest were noted:

1. Velde stated that certain unions in defense plants are dominated by the Communist Party and his committee endeavors to expose these unions to union members in particular and to the public in general. He said that it is his hope that the National Labor Relations Board will refuse to recognize the rights of these CP-dominated unions in their negotiations. He said the result of this probably would be that new unions controlled by patriotic Americans will be formed.

2. Ted Collins raised the issue of Dr. James B. Conant's remarks concerning academic freedom. Velde said that his committee was not interested in destroying the rights and freedoms of students and teachers, but was interested only in discovering "overt acts contrary to our form of government." He said that he believes Marxism should be taught in colleges and universities, but by teachers who are loyal to this country and who will point out the bad points of Communism.

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February 2, 1953

3. Collins raised the issue of Dr. Conant's appointment as High Commissioner in Germany and asked Velde if he had received any letters of protest to this appointment. Velde replied that he had not, and added that he has seen no indication that Dr. Conant is disloyal. Velde said he personally has no objection to Dr. Conant's appointment.

4. Mr. Velde indicated that his committee will continue its probe of the entertainment field and that hearings will be resumed on March 23, 1953, in Los Angeles, California.

5. Collins asked Velde if "Red Channels" had government sanction. Velde replied, "Not that I know of. I have read it and I believe a great many things stated in 'Red Channels' are true." When Collins asked how one could protect himself (against "Red Channels") Velde answered that there are always the laws of slander. Collins, who appeared to consider this inadequate, remarked that if one's name appears in "Red Channels" it is very difficult to obtain employment. Velde said he realized that was true, but that no mistakes in "Red Channels" have been proven to date. Collins then asked, "Then you think the majority of the things in 'Red Channels' are true?" Velde replied, "Oh yes, certainly."

6. Velde concluded by stating that the number one thing on his committee's agenda was to assist the Eisenhower administration in weeding out Communists in the government, and to make sure that others do not infiltrate.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. The above is for information only.

*[Handwritten signature]* *[Handwritten initials]*



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols  
 FROM : M. A. Jones  
 SUBJECT: REPRESENTATIVE HAROLD VELDE  
 (REPUBLICAN - ILLINOIS)  
 "PRESS CONFERENCE"  
 WMAL-TV, FEBRUARY 8, 1953

DATE: February 9, 1953

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Representative Harold Velde appeared on the program, "Press Conference," over Station WMAL-TV at 1:30 P.M. on February 8, 1953. This program was monitored by SA [redacted] of the Crime Records Section.

The interviewing panel was composed of representatives of newspapers from Harvard and Yale Universities, the College of New Rochelle and the Editor of the National Students Association News. The question discussed was the proposed investigation by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which Velde heads, into Communist influence and infiltration into higher education.

Velde was placed on the defensive immediately and never could straighten himself out. The interrogators were relentless on the point that if such investigations take place, free expression will be lost on the American campus. Velde kept saying that the House Committee does not intend to "go into" any specific school other than the schools openly teaching or espousing Communism.

The matter of loyalty oaths was brought up and Velde said he did not necessarily agree with loyalty oaths but felt that any educational institution has the right to require such oaths of its employees, and if failure to take a loyalty oath costs a teacher his job, Velde opined that "no man has an inherent right to any job." Velde said that in addition to the House Committee he is not opposed to a presidential commission which would assist in investigating the Communist influence on the American campus. He said that such a commission would undoubtedly utilize the FBI as an investigatory body.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information only.

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## ice Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: February 6, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] CONGRESSMAN

HAROLD H. VELDE  
INFORMATION CONCERNINGPURPOSE:

To advise you concerning information received regarding [REDACTED] Congressman Harold Velde, former FBI Agent.

DETAILS:

The Springfield Division in its General Investigative Intelligence Report for the six months ended December 31, 1952, reported that informant [REDACTED]

He stated that one of the [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] Congressman [REDACTED] man Velde (former FBI Agent). Congressman Velde's personnel file reflects in October, 1945, he had [REDACTED] both of whom at that time were in the military service. Chief of Police Otto Lovell advised that all of the [REDACTED] in the city of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, make monthly donations to the city which donations are paid to the city treasury and that no individual connected with the city department received any part of these donations. [REDACTED] Police Magistrate, confirmed that these donations were made to the city and stated that he heard that in addition, county officials received payment of sums direct from the [REDACTED]

but that he had no positive proof that county officials were receiving payoffs. The General Investigative Intelligence Report states that no attempt was made either by the sheriff's office of Mason County nor Havana Police Department to stop gambling in the county.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 16, 1953

Regarding the desire of Congressman Velde to see you on Wednesday, I called [REDACTED] the secretary, back to advise that you could see Congressman Velde at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

*HAROLD H. VELDE*

[REDACTED] stated that he was just getting ready to call me to advise that he had just that minute received word that the House Subcommittee on Appropriations had set the time of hearing for the appropriation for Velde's committee at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning and in view of their urgent need for funds the Congressman felt that he was impelled to appear before the subcommittee on that date.

*HAROLD VELDE*

[REDACTED] stated that Congressman Velde would be free all day tomorrow, Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning if you could work it into your schedule during any of those times.

I told [REDACTED] that your schedule was terrifically heavy and I did not know whether or not it would be possible for you to work something in on such short notice. I told him, however, that I would check into the matter and let him know.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date February 16, 1953 Time 11:37AM

[REDACTED] in the Office of  
Congressman Harold H. Velde,  
(R- Ill.) tele.

Phone No. NA 8-3120, ext. 1314

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS

HAROLD VELDE  
[REDACTED] was calling to make  
arrangements for an appointment  
with the Director for Congressman  
Velde for sometime Wednesday, February 18th.

He was informed that Mr. Hoover would be  
advised of the request and that he would be  
called.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: February 24, 1953

FROM : D. M. LADD *la*

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] D.C.

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BACKGROUND:

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By memorandum dated February 20, 1953, Mr. Nichols advised Mr. Tolson that [REDACTED] of the House Committee on Un-American Activities had called and indicated that the White House was incensed over the Velde boner on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] indicated that as a matter of information [REDACTED] who is known to be unreliable, was the culprit. You made the inquiry, "Did we ever check [REDACTED] H."

DETAILS:

A review of the Bureau indices failed to reflect any record concerning [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

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*Mem to Mr Tolson*  
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- Miss Gandy

February 20, 1953

*S. Laughlin*  
*Kelly*

MR. TOLSON:

*Vin*

[redacted] of the House Un-American Activities Committee, called me to advise he had been talking to [redacted] at the White House. The White House is incensed over the Velde boner on [redacted] and is issuing instructions to Republican leadership in the House to fire the individual responsible. [redacted] was passing on purely as a matter of information that [redacted] who is known to be unreliable, but has the backing of several Congressmen, was the culprit. He claimed to have gotten the name out of "Soviet Russia Today," October, 1946, issue. The name appearing therein, however, is a [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he had previously told Velde and Velde's secretary that [redacted] was untrustworthy and nothing should be accepted from him until it was checked out with the regular investigative staff. Velde left yesterday to go to his home in Pekin, Illinois, to attend the wedding of his daughter, and another member is trying to get him on the telephone now to tip him off about the White House decision in order that he can fire [redacted] on his own before the leadership orders it.

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*Did we ever hear of [redacted]?*  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN HAROLD H. VELDE

DATE: February 20, 1953

SYNOPSIS:

Bureau in receipt of communication from one [redacted] Bronx, New York, with which was enclosed letter received by [redacted] from Congressman Harold H. Velde. In this letter Velde refers [redacted] to the FBI for information in our files. To recommend contact with Velde to remind him of the confidential nature of Bureau files; also, to acknowledge [redacted] letter.

PURPOSE:

To advise of the receipt of letter forwarded by Congressman Velde to an individual residing in the Bronx, New York, in which Velde informs the correspondent that the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) is unable to furnish requested material of a security nature and refers the writer to the FBI for the information desired.

BACKGROUND:

The Bureau has received an undated letter from [redacted] Bronx, New York, requesting subversive information on individuals affiliated with the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America, A.F.L. It appears this matter was the subject of correspondence exchanged between [redacted] and Congressman Velde. With his letter [redacted] enclosed a letter dated February 11, 1953, signed by Velde stating that the HCUA is unable to furnish the material requested. Velde's letter then states:

"I would suggest that for the information you desire on the individual referred to in your letter that you communicate directly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

DETAILS:

It is inconceivable that Congressman Velde would resort to the practice of referring correspondents of the HCUA to this Bureau for the purpose of obtaining information from our files. In his capacity as former Special Agent of the FBI, Velde certainly is aware of the confidential nature of our files and the restrictions

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imposed by the Department upon the use of information contained therein. Likewise, he is fully cognizant of the futility of referring to the Bureau correspondents seeking subversive data concerning individuals or organizations. Although it is not known whether Velde, in his new position as Chairman of the HCUA, is making a practice of affording replies of this nature to correspondents, there will be placed upon the Bureau a sizeable burden of work if Velde continues to pursue this course. Obviously he could refuse to furnish data in HCUA files without any mention whatever of the FBI.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is believed Velde's attention should be called to the fact that the Bureau has learned of his referral to the FBI of a correspondent seeking security information and he should be reminded of the confidential nature of our files so that we may prevent the unnecessary receipt of correspondence seeking data therefrom. If you approve, it is suggested this memorandum be referred to Mr. Nichols so that Velde may be so informed.

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There is attached for your approval an acknowledgment to [REDACTED] with the request that he be interviewed by an Agent of the New York Office and fully informed of the Bureau's position in this matter as well as to ascertain if he possesses specific information of a subversive nature of interest to the Bureau.

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OK-  
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## Congressman Declines to Retract

### Mrs. Meyer Exposes Falsehood In Attack on Her by Rep. Velde

Agnes E. Meyer, of Washington, yesterday exposed the falsehood in an attack made upon her by Rep. Harold Velde (R-Ill.) and branded the libel as a foretaste of what is to be expected in Velde's investigation of American educators.

After Mrs. Meyer criticized Velde in an address to the American Association of School Administrators, at Atlantic City, on Tuesday, the Illinois Congressman issued a press release including this statement:

"It is interesting to note that in the Moscow Pravda, dated April 30, 1947, Mrs. Agnes Meyer is quoted as writing to the journal 'Soviet Russia Today' as follows: 'We feel profound admiration for the people of the Soviet Union—it simply makes you sick at heart when you hear many radio commentators speaking so unjustly and disdainfully of the Russians.'"

As soon as she was informed of the Velde assertion, Mrs. Meyer issued a statement saying:

"The allegation of Congressman Velde that I have written to the magazine 'Soviet Russia Today' is an outright falsehood. I did not make it to them or for them the statement attributed to me. I have never communicated with them. I have never even read the publication."

Congressman Velde was informed of Mrs. Meyer's statement but declined to withdraw his press release. Not until then did he acknowledge to the United Press that he was not sure that the Mrs. Meyer quoted in Pravda was Agnes Meyer.

Investigation of Pravda files, readily available at the Library of Congress, quickly disclosed that the Pravda article to which Velde alluded did not quote Agnes E. Meyer at all. The letter in "Soviet Russia Today" was not written by her but appeared over the name of a woman in British Columbia named "Mayer."

Mrs. Meyer yesterday sent a telegram to the American Association of School Administrators. See **METRO**, Page 17, Column 4

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*Handwritten:* If what [redacted] says is true, Velde is making a serious mistake in our dealings with Russia.

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Wash. Post \_\_\_\_\_  
Wash. News \_\_\_\_\_  
Wash. Star \_\_\_\_\_  
N.Y. Herald Tribune \_\_\_\_\_  
N.Y. Mirror \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Mrs. Meyer Exposes Falsehood by Rep. Velde

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quoting Velde's charges about the letter and saying:

"I never wrote such a letter.

"The April 30, 1947, issue of Pravda never said I wrote such a letter.

"An investigation discloses that in this issue of Pravda allusion was made to a letter written by a Miss or a Mrs. Mayer.

"Research in the files of 'Soviet Russia Today' discloses that such a letter was written to that publication in October, 1946, by a Mrs. G. S. Mayer of Port Clements, B. C. (British Columbia).

"The fact that I had never written such a statement was conveyed to Congressman Velde Tuesday night after he made his false and untrue charges about me. He declined to correct his statement.

"This is the sort of reckless, irresponsible and false utterance that is going to be thrown at members of the teaching profession. As I warned you Tuesday, your profession is about to be attacked by a man who is conscienceless enough to use a deliberate lie and brazen enough to decline a retraction even when confronted with the truth."

The Pravda article that Velde said referred to Mrs. Meyer actually included a paragraph as follows:

"Appeals, articles, letters of the readers, to the editor of the journal, 'Soviet Russia Today,' indicate that leaders such as Melish reflect the mood of the majority of average Americans. 'We feel great admiration for the people of the Soviet Union,' writes Mrs. Mayer (or Miss), 'and our heart aches sincerely when we hear many radio commentators talk so unjustly and scornfully about the Russians.'"

The translation differs slightly from the English used in the Velde quotation and there is no reference of course to Agnes E. Meyer, either in this paragraph or elsewhere in the issue.

A search of the magazine "Soviet Russia Today" turned up the full English text on which the Pravda quote was based. The letter (a facsimile of which appears in connection with this article) follows:

Stop This Incitement to War!  
TO SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY:  
We have great admiration for

the people of the Soviet Union, and earnestly hope that there may very soon be a true understanding between them and the people of this continent. It is almost heartbreaking to hear so many of the radio commentators speak so unjustly and disparagingly of the Russians. I fully believe in their, the Russian people's, sincerity and good faith.

We listened in to Rex Miller's broadcast, sponsored by the S&W Ford Co., at 9:15 p. m. (EST) one evening recently and it was really terrible. It is not only the definite statements he makes which one cannot believe to be true in many cases, but the implications which cause so much harm, as there are so many people who are more or less ignorant regarding the truth about Russia who accept what he says as the truth. Is there not something which can be done to stop this incitement to war? MRS. G. S. MAYER, Port Clements, B. C. (British Columbia).

The Managing Editor of The Washington Post called Rep. Velde Tuesday night and advised him that the Pravda article did not attribute any statement to Agnes E. Meyer, and that Agnes Meyer had written no such letter to "Soviet Russia Today."

Mr. Velde was informed that he was being called so that he might correct his erroneous statement if he wished to do so. He conceded that it could be a case of mistaken identity but declined to correct his press release. He would not withdraw it, he said, until and unless Mrs. Meyer withdrew what she said about him and about Senator McCarthy.

Told that he had made a mistake and was being called "in fairness" to give him a chance to correct it, he first said that if he had made a mistake he would be "glad to correct it" and then said "I am satisfied that the information I have is correct."

He was urged to check the record on which the Pravda quote was based but declined to do so.

It was suggested that he might wish to stop immediately the libel in his false quotation from Pravda but he refused to do so

and said that the truth or falsity of the quotation would "develop later." He said he would correct nothing Tuesday night. He did say that if he found the statement "absolutely false" he would correct it. He insisted he was "merely quoting Pravda" even though the Pravda article did not refer to Agnes Meyer at all.

"I am calling you to tell you that a person you have libeled says it is a false charge," Velde was told.

He was asked: "Do you wish to make any statement about that?"

Velde said: "No, I don't."

The Associated Press reported that Velde said he had no comment to make now on Mrs. Meyer's telegram.

## Educators Given

### Copies of Telegram

By a Post Reporter

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 18. Copies of Mrs. Meyer's telegram were distributed here today by Worth McClure, executive secretary, American Association of School Administrators, prior to the organization's final convention assembly.

Dr. Virgil M. Rogers, association president, during a press conference, said: "I have the very highest regard for Mrs. Meyer for the position she has taken in defense of public schools against anyone who would harm or destroy them."

A majority of the 16,500 superintendents here were unaware of Representative Velde's statement because of the late hour the text was carried by wire services. The Associated Press here attempted to confirm the information in the statement with Mrs. Meyer but the speaker had left.

Questioned by reporters regarding Mrs. Meyer's telegram on the Velde statement, McClure said: "There seems to be a lot of these careless statements being made by a good many people."

A Chicago Tribune reporter asked Rogers why the association did not invite Congressman Velde or Senators McCarthy or Jenner to participate in the convention program which has as its theme "Education for National Security."

Rogers replied: "We invited



Mrs. Meyer to address the convention because we felt her good judgment and long experience as a writer would permit her to make a substantial and constructive contribution to the educator-delegates. We feel she did it." He said he did not feel the three Congressmen would make such a contribution.

Rogers said the association

had invited President Eisenhower, Secretary of State Dulles and former Senator Lodge to speak but these officials had declined.

Meanwhile, convention officials reported that between 1500 and 1700 copies of Mrs. Meyer's Tuesday address had been distributed to delegates who specially requested them.



Above is a portion of the Letters to the Editor page of the October, 1946, issue of USSR English-language propaganda magazine. A letter appearing over the signature of a Mrs. G. S. Mayer of Port Clements, B. C., is ringed. Six months later an excerpt

of the letter was quoted in the Moscow newspaper Pravda, which identified the writer only as a "Mrs. Mayer." On Tuesday, Rep. Harold Velde (R-Ill.) issued a press release quoting the Pravda excerpt and attributing the letter to "Mrs. Agnes Meyer."

# By Mrs. Meyer Of 'Using Lie'

man who is conscienceless enough to use a deliberate lie when confronted with the truth." Rep. Velde said he had no comment to make now on Mrs. Meyer's telegram.

## Denies She Wrote to Red Journal as Charged by House Committee's Head

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP).—Mrs. Eugene Meyer asserted today the education profession is about to be attacked by "a man who is conscienceless enough to use a deliberate lie." She referred to Rep. Harold H. Velde, R., Ill., chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, which is planning an inquiry into alleged subversion in education.

Mrs. Meyer, wife of the chairman of the board of "The Washington Post," made a speech at Atlantic City yesterday in which she said liberty of conscience is endangered by proposed Congressional investigations of American universities and schools.

### Velde's Statement

Speaking to the American Association of School Administrators, she accused some Congressional investigators of "demagogic" methods. Among them she named Rep. Velde, who then issued a statement in which he said:

"It is interesting to note that in the Moscow 'Pravda,' dated April 30, 1947, Mrs. Agnes Meyer is quoted as writing to the journal 'Soviet Russia Today' as follows: 'We feel profound admiration for the people of the Soviet Union—it simply makes you sick at heart when you hear many radio commentators speaking so unjustly and disdainfully of the Russians.'"

Today Mrs. Meyer sent a telegram to Worth McClure, executive secretary of the school administrators association before which she spoke yesterday. Referring to the alleged letter to "Soviet Russia Today," she said:

"I never wrote such a letter."

"The April 30, 1947, issue of 'Pravda' never said, I wrote such a letter."

"An investigation discloses that in this issue of 'Pravda' allusion was made to a letter written by a Miss or Mrs. Mayer."

"Research in the files of 'Soviet Russia Today' discloses that such a letter was written to that publication in October 1946 by a Mrs. G. S. Mayer of Fort Clements, B. C."

### Denial by Mrs. Meyer

"The fact that I had never written such a statement was conveyed to Congressman Velde Tuesday night after he made his false and untrue charges about me. He declined to correct his statement."

"This is the sort of reckless, irresponsible and false utterance that is going to be thrown at members of the teaching profession. As I warned you Tuesday, you—"

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# PRAVDA QUOTES NOT AUTHORED BY MRS. MEYER

## Velde Orders Probe Of Her Charges

Chairman Velde (R) of Illinois, of the House-un-American activities committee last night ordered a complete investigation of "all phases" of the attack made upon congressional investigations by Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer, wife of the board chairman of the Washington Post.

Mrs. Meyer assailed Velde, Chairman McCarthy (R) of Wisconsin of the Senate investigations committee, and Chairman Jenner (R) of Indiana, of the Senate internal security committee, in a speech before the American Association of School Administrators Tuesday. She questioned the honesty and integrity of the three committee chairmen.

In commenting on the speech Tuesday Velde had stated that Pravda, official Russian newspaper in Moscow, on April 30, 1947, had quoted Mrs. Meyer as writing to the Soviet Journal "Soviet Russia Today" in praise of the people of the Soviet union.

### Denies Writing

Mrs. Meyer wired Worth McClure, executive secretary of the School Administrators' association, that she never wrote such a letter. The letter in question, she said, was actually written by a Mrs. G. S. Mayer of Port Clements, B. C. in October, 1946.

Velde refused to comment on this assertion. He said a staff investigation would go into all details of Mrs. Meyer's speech and its repercussions. Pending the results of this inquiry, he will not answer Mrs. Meyer's latest assertion, he said.

The Times-Herald, in a report of Mrs. Meyer's Atlantic City speech, stated that Mrs. Meyer had been listed in the April 30, 1947, issue of Pravda as "one of the friends of the Soviet Union abroad."

This information had been supplied by a congressional investigator. A check by this newspaper of the Russian language files of Pravda in the Library of Congress revealed that this information was erroneous. The name of Mrs. Meyer had been confused by the investigator with that of Mrs. G. S. Mayer.

The Times-Herald regrets its error which appeared in certain editions yesterday. Mrs. Meyer's refutation of the allegation was published in later editions.

### Again Hits Velde

In her wire to McClure, Mrs. Meyer declared that Velde had been informed on Tuesday night that the Pravda quotation was false and untrue but that he had declined to correct his statement.

"This is the sort of reckless, irresponsible and false utterance that is going to be thrown at members of the teaching profession," she declared. "As I warned you Tuesday, your profession is about to be attacked by a man who is conscienceless enough to use a deliberate lie and brazen enough to decline a retraction even when confronted with the truth."

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# Drive to Ruin Public Schools

By a Post Reporter

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 18.

The American Association of School Administrators today declared that some charges being leveled against this country's school system are planned attempts to cripple public education.

During the final business session of their seventy-ninth annual convention, the 16,500 educators adopted this resolution on current attacks on the public schools:

"As school administrators, we welcome constructive, sincere, and well-intentioned criticism. Such criticism will improve and enhance school programs.

"Some charges are inspired by deliberate intent to injure, if not to destroy, American public education. We condemn such tactics and those who indulge in them.

"Basic responsibility for control and administration of public education rests with the States and local school systems. We are confident that the 350,000 members of local school boards and the administrators will continue to protect schools from subversive activities and influences and at the same time will preserve the right of free Americans to differ from prevailing opinions without becoming targets for attack.

"Likewise boards of regents and administrative officers are protecting higher educational institutions from subversive influences and individuals. We commend these boards and officers for protecting the right of an individual to seek the truth and to teach it without fear."

Dr. John K. Norton of Columbia University's Teachers College said in presenting the resolution that "the climate of fear, distrust and suspicion has grown at an alarming pace in the United States." He called for a united defense against the "unfair attacks on public education and its personnel."

"When," he said, "the public schools are charged with subversion, or a teacher or superintendent or text book is labeled communistic, ask that the accused be heard, and that the text book be read."

In a press conference, Dr. Virgil M. Rogers, president of the AASA, said he believed if congressional committees have evidence that a public official is suspected of communistic affiliations, then the Government should send its "Federal arm—the FBI"—into the communities to work with local officials in finding out the facts.

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TO: MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: March 20, 1953

FROM: V. P. REAY

SUBJECT: HAROLD HIMMEL VELDE  
Former Special Agent  
Now United States Congressman

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Reference is made to memorandum from Mr. Mohr to Mr. Tolson dated March 13, 1953, advising that [REDACTED] to Congressman Walter, had made inquiry of the Bureau concerning the steps taken by Harold Himmel Velde, former Special Agent and now U.S. Congressman, to be discharged from Army service and to be appointed a Special Agent.

Mr. Mohr recommended that Liaison check Mr. Velde's service record to find out just what the record reflects in this regard.

It should be noted that the Army administrative file for Velde would be in St. Louis and his security file if he had one, which is doubtful considering position he had held in the Army would be at Fort Holabird Central Record Facilities.

ACTION:

There are attached two letters to the SAC at St. Louis and the SAC at Baltimore requesting that they obtain the desired information from Velde's file.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: April 24, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

*Harold H. Velde*

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*b7c* For record purposes, there is attached a copy of a telegram sent to Congressman Velde by [REDACTED] of the Circuit Riders' Association, along with a personal note to me which requires no answer.

Attachment

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Honorable Gerald H. Feldt  
Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

April 16, 1953

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I thank God Publicly and privately for Velde, McCarthy, McCarroll, Jenner, J. Edgar Hoover their committee members, associates and those staff members and employees who have not deviated from devotion to expose Soviet Communism, extreme socialism and other un-American activities. Also for other congressional governmental and private patriots who honor God love America and want to preserve our wonderful way of life by standing up to be counted as true anti-Communists in the face of propaganda and criticism often designed at one source to intimidate the patriotic majority and drive them from the anti-Communist fight. Time has arrived for all anti-Communists regardless of degree or date of anti-Communism to regularly and publicly denounce Communism without any reservation whatsoever. Your position is sound and good - don't back down one inch STOP History does not show captains on some side ordering men to attack each other based on difference in leaders personal plans of backing common enemy. Some anti-Communists screaming for religious freedom often seem to despise of and expecting immunity from criticism after they clip and smack others in the political arena. Examination of past and present activities of many of your critics often reveal skeletons of shameful or discredited political conduct. Apparently only a small minority in only two professions expect or demand immunity or deny accountability which not exposed Communists expect for themselves. Every individual should be accountable for his personal conduct as an individual without later resolutions or endorsements from well meaning majorities who do not truthfully know as well as investigating committees which individual words have already been cancelled out by their acts. The alleged defensive plea of aiding Russian government as an ally of the United States government during a war does not excuse satisfactorily explain collaboration or cooperation with Communist individuals and Communist fronts not related to the war effort. The United States was also an ally of other foreign governments and there appears to be no claim of joining the political party or plots of individuals in the non-Communist ideologies. Continue to expose Communists, pro-Communists, extreme socialists and their apologists wherever you find them. SIGNED [REDACTED]

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how to express himself. Save us from the intellectually dishonest for religious lies

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a very dangerous Christian who by accident misleads thousands  
of Methodists down the wrong alley. He b7C



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 1, 1953

FROM :

L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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Congressman Harold Velde called. He stated he was calling on a strictly personal basis to secure any advice or guidance which I could give him. He is very much concerned about [redacted] whose most recent maneuver, he believes, is to write several friends in Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois, with a view of stirring up a series of letters to the Congressional delegates from those states, condemning Velde personally. Velde stated [redacted] is a very suave individual; that on the occasion of their recent meeting, it was agreed each would keep everything confidential, however, for my confidential information [redacted] claimed he had been anti-Communist all his life and regretted deeply he had been smeared by the newspapers for activities of his which were well-intended, but in a few instances misguided; that he wanted to clear this matter up once and for all. Velde told the [redacted] two courses of action were open; in the first place the [redacted] could file a libel suit, which the [redacted] stated he would not do because no one ever won in a libel suit. Velde then stated the [redacted] could come before the House Committee and make any kind of a statement he desired, getting himself on record. This the [redacted] declined on the ground that if he did appear, he was certain Congressman Jackson and Ciarly would be interested only in smearing him further and linking him to various front organizations. The [redacted] confidentially advised Velde that in 1946 he became convinced that the Methodist Federation of Social Action was following the Communist Party line and that the activities of the leadership led him to believe they were not loyal people. The [redacted] stated he was satisfied that both [redacted] and [redacted] were members of the Communist Party. The [redacted] however, declined to testify to this.

Velde feels the [redacted] campaign will continue to go on and something must be done to counter it. I told Velde I simply could not think of any suggestions at the moment. He asked if I would continue to think about it and see if I could get some ideas. I told him if any thoughts occurred to me I would get in touch with him. Of course, will have no suggestions to

cc Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Belmont

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November 11, 1953

Mr. Tolson: ✓

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[redacted] is making a motion picture on the Boy Scouts. The President is the Honorary Chairman of the Boy Scouts. At scenes taken yesterday, [redacted] stated, they had the President making a statement and got a couple of poses and took only four and a half minutes of the President's time. The President commented that life could be so much simpler and easier if people just knew what they were supposed to do.

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[redacted] has been jockeyed into the position of Chairman of the California State Republican Committee. He did not want it, but now that he has been pushed into it, he is going to try and make the most of it and will be spending some time in Washington.

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He stated that from his observations in traveling around the country, things are really in a mess. He also stated that he had been talking to Senator McCarthy this morning. McCarthy is very much exercised over Velde's action in subpoenaing the former President and Justice Clark. [redacted] did not think anyone could have any influence over Velde but the Director. [redacted] stated that this was a stupid move on the part of Velde and he wondered if there was not some way whereby the Director could get hold of him and straighten him out. I told [redacted] for his confidential information that the Lord Himself would have difficulty in straightening Velde out; certainly there was nothing Mr. Hoover could do.

Respectfully,

✓ L. B. Nichols

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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DATE: April 5, 1954

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Boardman

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Tracy

Tele. Room

Holloman

Miss Gandy

FROM : MR. V. F. KAY

SUBJECT: JAY LOVESTONE  
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Harold H. Velde

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Mr. Tolson, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Belmont, Mr. Glavin, Mr. Harbo, Mr. Rosen, Mr. Tamm, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Tele. Room, Mr. Holloman, Miss Gandy

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